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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Office of the Secretary, Dec. 31, 1920.

To the Honorable Senate
and the House of Representatives.

I have the honor to submit, in compliance with the Revised Laws, chapter 5, section 10, a report of the transactions of this office for the year ending Nov. 30, 1920 (being the twenty-ninth annual), including the votes of the cities and towns on the question of granting licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors; also the returns of the sheriffs of the several counties of money received by them, and of their attendance upon a court of record and the county commissioners.

There is also presented, in compliance with the statute of 1905, chapter 321, abstract and tabular statements of the returns of the clerks of the Superior Court for the several counties, and the clerk of the Superior Court of civil business in the county of Suffolk; of the number of jury cases, of jury-waived cases and of equity suits pending at the beginning of the year; of the number of each of said three classes of cases entered during the year; of the number of cases of each class actually tried during the year; of the number of cases of each class disposed of during the year by agreement of the parties or by order of the court; of the number of cases of each class remaining untried at the end of the year; of the number of cases wherein the verdict of the jury has been set aside by the court on the ground that it is excessive; and of the number of days during which the court has sat in each county for the hearing of each of said three classes of cases.

There is also included, in compliance with the provisions of chapter 447, Acts of 1914, a report showing the aggregate vote, both affirmative and negative, on every act or part of an act which shall have been referred by the General Court for acceptance or rejection to the voters of the Commonwealth or of any part thereof, or to the city council of any city, during the calendar year 1920.

Receipts and Expenditures.

The following table shows, in detail, the receipts from fees, etc., all of which were paid into the treasury monthly, and quarterly reports thereof made to the Governor and Council, as required by Revised Laws, chapter 5, section 1: —

Commissions,		$24,455 00
Corporation certificates,		654,482 65
Limited partnerships,		32 00
Sale of books, etc.,		930 80
Sale of Revised Laws and Indexes,		140 00
Sale of Bradford Histories,		365 00
Sale of Blue Books,		727 15
Labels, trade-marks, etc.,		2,492 00
Interest,		594 38
Certificates,		1,304 00
Military records,		180 15
Copies,		9,105 83
Miscellaneous: —		
Vital Statistics,	$247 75	
Advance sheets,	528 00	
Sale of waste paper, etc.,	443 25	
		1,219 00
		$696,027 96

The total expenses for salaries and incidentals during the year were $101,046.05, from which it appears that there were turned into the treasury of the Commonwealth $594,981.91 over the office expenses.

Commissions.

The number of commissions issued during the year ending Nov. 30, 1920, was 5,294 (an increase of 188 over the preceding year), of which 403 were without fee and 118 became void by reason of the failure of the appointees to take out the commissions or to qualify thereunder. The different classes were as follows: —

Notaries public,	3,071
Justice of the peace,	1,655
Special district police officers,	24
Special commissioners,	95
Trustees, commissioners, etc.,	246
Public warehousemen,	45
Justices of the peace to solemnize marriages,	43
Supervisors of elections,	8
Public administrators,	9
Masters in chancery,	12
Medical examiners,	11
Clerks, municipal, police and district courts,	14
Commissioners in other States,	4
Justices and special justices, municipal, police and district courts,	7
Associate medical examiners,	16
Justices of the peace to issue warrants and take bail,	7
Trial justices,	3
Commissioners to qualify public officers,	6
Commissioners in foreign countries,	3
Sheriffs,	1
Associate justices, Superior Court,	2
Ballot Law Commissioners,	1
Licensing Board, City of Boston,	1
Board of Excise, City of Chelsea,	1
Board of Police, City of Fall River,	1
Commissioner of Savings Bank Life Insurance,	1
Finance Commissioners, City of Boston,	2
Commissioner of Banks,	1
Commissioner of Insurance,	1
Judge of probate and insolvency,	1
Pilots,	2
	5,294

Certificates to the number of 6,023 were issued. Fees were remitted for 5,216.

Corporations.

(Rooms 335B, 337, 340A, 340B, 340C.)

The total number of certificates of incorporation issued under general laws to new corporations for the fiscal year ending Nov. 30, 1920, was 3,371, — an increase of 556 as compared with the fiscal year ending Nov. 30, 1919. They were classified as follows: —

Trading corporations (under chapter 437, Acts of 1903), . . .	2,946
Religious, charitable, social, educational, musical, athletic, etc., corporations (under Revised Laws, chapter 125, section 6), . .	337
Fraternal beneficiary corporations (under chapter 628, Acts of 1911), ...	32
Churches (under Revised Laws, chapter 36, section 51), . . .	27
Credit unions (under chapter 268, General Acts of 1915), . .	3
Co-operative banks (under chapter 623, Acts of 1912), . . .	12
Trust companies (under chapter 374, Acts of 1904), ...	7
Insurance companies (under chapter 576, Acts of 1907), . . .	7

The number of miscellaneous certificates filed and recorded was 17,039, — an increase of 1,780 as compared with the fiscal year ending Nov. 30, 1919. Of these, 10,689 were certificates of condition of Massachusetts corporations (under section 51, chapter 110 of the Revised Laws; section 45, chapter 437, Acts of 1903; and section 65, chapter 742, Acts of 1914); 2,946 were articles of organization of trading corporations (under chapter 437, Acts of 1903); 337 were certificates of religious, charitable, social and other organizations (under chapter 125 of the Revised Laws); 1,118 were certificates of issue of capital stock of trading corporations (under chapter 437, Acts of 1903), and the others were distributed among 29 different classes.

The number of miscellaneous certificates filed and not recorded was 1,978, of which 1,846 were certificates of condition of foreign corporations (under chapter 126 of the Revised Laws and section 66 of chapter 437, Acts of 1903), and the others were divided among 7 other classes.

There were issued 29 certificates of change of name of corporations (under chapter 163, Acts of 1908, and chapter 205, General Acts of 1915).

Returns were received of the dissolution of 66 corporations by the Supreme Judicial and Superior Courts.

Under the act relating to the incorporation of clubs, charters were refused in 20 cases.

Details of all these statistics appear in the Abstract of Certificates of Corporations, published by this office (Public Document No. 10).

Limited partnership certificates to the number of 33 were filed and recorded.

In the Corporation Division, 4,460 certified copies of the records and certificates were supplied, — an increase of 1,168 as compared with the fiscal year ending Nov. 30, 1919.

Certain Fees of Business Corporations.

Legal differences of opinion have arisen with regard to the amount of fees to be paid the Secretary's Office upon the filing of certain certificates by business corporations under chapter 156 of the General Laws relating to the issue and increase of shares of capital stock with no par value. I recommend that the law be amended as it is practiced in similar cases in the States of Alabama, Delaware, Illinois, Maine, Maryland, Pennsylvania and Virginia.

Labels, Trade-marks, etc.

(Room 337.)

By chapter 72, section 7, Revised Laws, which relates to the adoption and registration of labels, trade-marks, stamps and forms of advertisement, the duty is placed upon the Secretary of the Commonwealth of receiving, filing and recording such labels, etc., and of issuing and recording certificates of record. Under this law, labels, trade-marks, stamps and forms of advertisement were received, and certificates of record issued and recorded, in 421 cases.

Under chapter 618 of the Acts of 1920, which provides for the assignment of labels, trade-marks, stamps and forms of advertisement, one assignment was received, and a certificate of registration issued and recorded.

Insignia of Societies and Labor Unions.

(Room 337.)

Chapter 335, Acts of 1904, provides for the registration in this office of the insignia, ribbons, badges, rosettes, buttons and emblems of societies, associations and labor unions. One registration was received, which has been included with the number of labels above given, under section 7, chapter 72, Revised Laws.

Marks and Devices on Cans, etc.

By chapter 72, section 15, Revised Laws, which provides for the protection of owners of cans, bottles, boxes, siphons and fountains used in the sale of soda water, mineral and aerated waters, ale, beer, ginger ale or similar beverages, it is made the duty of the Secretary of the Commonwealth to receive and file descriptions of marks, devices, etc., and under this law 20 such descriptions were received and filed. Under section 19 of said chapter 72, Revised Laws, protecting dealers and consumers against the unlawful use and destruction of milk cans, jugs, bottles or jars, 34 descriptions of marks, devices, etc., were received and filed.

Vital Statistics Division.

(Room 334.)

Under the provisions of Revised Laws, chapter 29, section 13 (as amended by chapter 305, Acts of 1903, and chapter 415, Acts of 1906), the returns of births and marriages in the various cities and towns for the year 1919, which were received in 1920, cover 87,827 births and 34,329 marriages, a decrease, as compared with the returns of 1918, of 7,780 births, and an increase of 5,163 marriages.

Under the provisions of the same law, 52,345 certified copies of records of deaths were received from Jan. 1, 1919, to Dec. 31, 1919, a decrease of 26,497 compared with the returns of 1918.

The medical examiners' returns for 1919 cover 6,184 cases, a decrease of 1,043 as compared with the returns of 1918.

The returns by the clerks of the courts of the decrees of divorce for 1919 number 3,121, an increase of 44 as compared with the returns of 1918.

These figures are compiled, analyzed and presented fully in the seventy-eighth registration report (Public Document No. 1).

During the year 1,131 certificates of birth, 509 certificates of marriage and 392 certificates of death were issued, a total of 2,032. Fees received from these certificates amounted to $247.75.

Indexes to Vital Records.

Provision was made by the Legislature in 1920, chapter 629, for the indexing of births, marriages and deaths for the years 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917 and 1918, and this work is now being done.

Burial and Cremation of Human Bodies.

In my annual report of 1920 I recommended, in the interest of more accurate records and to guard against the possible failure of undertakers to dispose of human bodies in accordance with the permits issued by the proper officials, that the superintendent or other officer in charge of a cemetery or crematory be compelled by law to endorse upon the permit for each burial or cremation the date of such burial or cremation, and return said permit to the office issuing the same. Practical experience has developed much difficulty in the proper operation of the law as passed (chapter 321, Acts of 1920), for the reason that many of the persons in charge of cemeteries desire to keep the original burial permit for the purpose of record. In order that this may be accomplished, I respectfully recommend an amendment to said chapter 321, providing that a coupon or stub shall be issued with the burial or removal permit, and that said coupon or stub be properly endorsed and returned instead of the permit itself.

Archives Division.

(Room 438.)

The number of visitors during the year was 3,446; written inquiries for military records, 562; historical and miscellaneous subjects, 473; certificates of military service issued, 175; copies of legislative records and manuscripts typewritten, 390; copies of manuscripts, maps and other material for various officials and individuals, by photostat, 28,816; copies of soldiers' discharges, by photostat, 880; volumes of the archives reproduced in negative photostat, 3, some 2,000 sheets; volumes of the archives bound, 0; volumes of the archives card index completed, 12; volumes of the archives for which name indices are being prepared, 6; volumes of the archives for which new tables of contents have been prepared, 0; volumes of the archives

rebound, 0; amount of fees received for military records, $180.15; for copies, typewritten, $236.65, photostat, $3,448.88; totaling $3,865.68.

Province Laws.

Volume XXI, the last of the series, containing Resolves, etc. 1779–80, and Town Chapters, 1692–1714, given by titles only in Volumes VII, VIII and IX, has been finished, and early in the year the copies will be ready for distribution, thus completing a work which has been under way since 1866.

Reproduction of the Archives.

This work is proceeding as rapidly as can be expected under adverse conditions. As soon as the full equipment is completely installed the work will proceed with rapidity. The photostating of discharges, of a great number of corporation papers, and copies for other State departments and individuals has obstructed the reproduction.

Binding of Photostat Archives.

Thirty-three volumes, making some 60 as bound, are now ready for the binder, and as soon as the necessary metal stacks to house them are erected in Room 438, the originals will be withdrawn from use.

Photostat.

Room 440 has been acquired as an operating room, and in a short time Room 439 will be added as a stock and drying room for chemicals, paper, etc. The photostat has been removed from Room 437 and with the new one purchased this fall has been set up in Room 440. A suitable sink, specially designed for the purpose, with hot and cold water, is now being set up, and when it is completed, the electrical connection with the engine room improved, and the drying racks now on order installed, both machines can be run to their full capacity.

A sample of what can be done by the two machines under adverse conditions is that recently in eighteen hours 722 prints were made, dried, certified and ready for delivery.

I would draw your attention to the fact that in 1917, the year the photostat was installed, the receipts of this Division

from all sources were $344.75, while for this year, 1920, the total receipts have been $3,865.68, of which $3,448.88 was from photostatic copies.

Rebinding the Archives.

During the past year no volumes have been rebound, primarily because many of those most in need have been in constant use on the Province Laws. Of the 326 volumes, 105 have been bound since 1905, and at present 35 are in need of repair, 25 at least badly. I would suggest having the volumes made up at the bindery and having the documents cleaned, repaired, pressed and inserted by an expert, on whole or part time, in the Division, thereby relieving the Department of the worry and inconvenience of having the volumes outside of the office. The reproduction of the archives will save the collection for future generations, but it is necessary that the original volumes be kept in good repair.

Use of the Archives.

It becomes more and more evident that the general public has little idea of the contents of the archives. The only information available is the report of the committee of 1884, which is out of print. I suggest the printing of a rough check list of the collections in Rooms 46, 437 and 438, and of the index to the Maps and Plans collection.

Maps and Plans.

During the past year, through the courtesy of Mr. Beatty, the sergeant-at-arms, some 500 plans, relating to legislation, have been turned over to this Division, and they will shortly be catalogued and accessible.

Card Index of the Archives.

The new index is proceeding as well as can be expected with the limited force. An additional clerk, experienced in indexing, etc., has been added to the staff, with very satisfactory results.

Clerks.

The clerks, who are able, efficient and faithful, are only sufficient for regular work, and any call for work outside of the ordinary province of the office delays the necessary routine.

House Journals.

Five hundred copies of Volume I of the House Journals, 1715–80, issued by the Massachusetts Historical Society, as recommended last year, have been purchased and received by the Document Division, ready for distribution, pursuant to chapter 413 of the Acts of 1920. Owing to the fact that a distribution according to the strict letter of the law would call for 625 copies, which might be modified, by a decision allowing only one public library copy to a town, to 539, and further, by a possible decision that a free public library was one which was "owned and controlled by the town and free for circulation to all the people", to 461 copies, when only 500 copies are available, 50 of which should go to the State Librarian for exchange, I would advise amending said law by authorizing the Secretary to use certain discretion in the distribution.

The same trouble develops in the distribution of the Vital Records, under chapter 562 of the Acts of 1920, and I would advise the same amendment.

New Quarters for the Archives.

The addition of Rooms 439 and 440 would seem to have solved the question of housing the archives collection, which has no equal in this country, but at the best it is only a makeshift, and at first opportunity the collection should be removed to quarters in one of the fireproof wings, with good natural light, running water, etc., and large enough to hold properly the contents of Rooms 46, 437, 438, 439, 440, and allow for proper expansion. At present the filing stacks and cases are practically filled, and room will be needed to shelve the 700 or more volumes of the photostat copies, the index, etc.

I respectfully recommend that the salary of the chief of the Archives Division be increased to $3,000, thus placing the incumbent, the custodian of a collection which has no equal in

the country, worth, from a money standpoint, at least $1,000,000, and from a legal and historical standpoint, priceless, on par with the chiefs of the Public Records Division, Census Division and Vital Records Division, recently created, all of whom receive $3,000.

Public Document Division.

(Room 118.)

There were printed under the direction of the Department of the Secretary during the year 127,825 volumes of the Public Document series, representing 101 different reports of the activities of the several State departments, this being a decrease of approximately 3,725 volumes from the issues of last year.

There were 120,005 volumes of these public documents distributed through the Public Document Division to the members of the General Court, to the city and town clerks, to certain other public officials, to the public libraries, and to the general public in accordance with the law governing such distribution.

In addition to the Public Document series there were printed and distributed the following: 20,000 copies of the pamphlet edition of the session laws; 11,500 copies of the bound edition of the session laws, commonly called the Blue Book; 13,500 copies of the Manual for the General Court; 750 copies each of the Senate and House Journals, total, 1,500 copies; 5,000 copies of the Supplement to Laws relating to Elections; 453 copies each of the Term Reports, Nos. 232 and 233, total, 906 copies; 500 copies of the Table of Changes in the Revised Laws, 1919; 750 copies of the Fifty-third Annual Encampment, Department of Massachusetts, G. A. R.; 974 copies of the Proceedings of the Twentieth Annual Encampment, Department of Massachusetts, U. S. W. V., 1919; 500 copies of Executive Council report on the return of votes for State officers, 1920; 15,000 copies of the General and Special Acts and Resolves passed at an extra session of the Legislature, 1919; 700 copies each of the Senate and House Journals, extra session, 1919, total, 1,400 copies; 1,000 copies of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, 1919; 1,000 copies of Specifications and Rules for Classification of Personal Service of the

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, 1919; 1,000 copies of Report of Cases under the Workmen's Compensation Act determined on appeal by the Supreme Judicial Court, June 27, 1918, to July 1, 1919, inclusive, being Bulletin No. 20 of the Industrial Accident Board; 6,020 copies of Historical Data relating to Counties, Cities and Towns in Massachusetts, 1920; 500 copies of the History of the Yankee Division; 500 copies of the History of the 55th Artillery, C. A. C., in the American Expeditionary Forces, France, 1918; 500 copies of the History of New England in France, 1917–19; 500 copies of the Journals of the House of Representatives, Vol. 1, 1715–17, — making a grand total of 210,375 copies of State publications which have passed through the Public Document Division during the past year.

State Printing.

During the year of 1920, 108 reports and supplementary bulletins of the Commissions and Departments were issued. Aside from maps, diagrams and half tones these publications consisted of 159,400 copies, 15,440 pages, in 108 separate editions averaging 1,475 copies each. The entire cost for printing and binding was $74,347.86, or $688.40 per edition of 143 pages each. In 1919 the cost of these reports and bulletins was $83,609.52, the saving over this figure being attributable to smaller editions. Public Document No. 133, the report of the Chelsea Board of Excise, 200 copies of 4 pages, was the smallest of the Public Document series costing $8.41. Public Document No. 8, the report of the Bank Commissioner, was the largest, published in two parts at a cost of $7,972.78, — 7,500 copies, 1,304 pages.

The cost of printing and binding the Manual for the General Court was $6,107.37; the Senate Journal, $2,780.05; the House Journal, $3,362.62; and the printing and delivery of the primary and election ballots, $92,362.54.

Census Division.

(Room 256.)

I respectfully recommend that a bulletin be published showing the population of Massachusetts as determined by the Fourteenth Census of the United States, 1920, arranged by

cities and towns and congressional districts; also the population of metropolitan Boston, so-called, with certain comparisons with former censuses, and notes, with statutory citations, on annexations, changes in boundary lines, place names, etc. Similar bulletins were published by the Bureau of Statistics, in 1900 and 1910.

In view of the adoption of an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth relative to the establishment of municipal or city government in towns having a population of 4,000 or more, and in order that municipalities may have the benefit of the State Census Division to assist them in obtaining a special enumeration of their municipalities, for this purpose, and also for the study of citizenship, housing and other local economic conditions, I recommend that further consideration be given to the following bill which was presented to the Legislature of 1920: Upon the petition of the city government of any city or the selectmen of a town filed with the secretary of the commonwealth for an enumeration of the city or town in such a manner as to show the number of inhabitants and legal voters, or such other information as may be desired, in each street, square, avenue, or in such block or square of the city or town as may be designated, and specifying the detail with which it is desired that the results thereof shall be tabulated, the enumeration and tabulation shall so be made. The tabulation herein provided for shall be limited to such inquiries as are specified by the city government or the selectmen of the town petitioning for said enumeration and tabulation, and upon the completion of the same made for any city or town under the provision of this act and the determination of the expense incurred therefor, the treasurer and receiver-general shall issue his warrant, as provided in section thirty-four of Part I of chapter four hundred and ninety of the acts of nineteen hundred and nine, requiring the assessors of the cities or towns concerned to assess a tax to the amount of such expense, and the said amount shall be collected and paid over to the treasurer and receiver-general in the same manner as other state taxes.

Changes of Names of Persons.

The returns of 1,240 names, changed in 1919 as decreed by the several probate courts, were received and filed in compliance with the requirements of the Revised Laws, chapter 154, section 14.

Returns under the Lobby Act.

Under what is known as the lobby act (Revised Laws, chapter 3, sections 23 to 32, inclusive, as amended by chapter 434, Acts of 1913), 358 entries were made upon the dockets of legislative counsel and agents, — an increase of 29 as compared with 1919. Returns were received at this office covering 292 of these entries. Of those received it became the duty of the Secretary to transmit 9 to the Attorney-General for his information, 5 of them appearing to be irregular or defective, 3 being received after the expiration of the time limit, and one which appeared irregular and was received after the expiration of the time limit. The 66 cases of delinquency were reported to the Attorney-General as required by law. Three returns were also made to this office, where the name of the employer and counsel had not previously been registered in the legislative docket, and these were also referred to the Attorney-General.

The total amount returned to this office as having been paid on account of the employment of legislative counsel and agents was $107,935.82, in addition to which annual salaries or retainers, unapportioned, were reported to the amount of $55,293.30.

Proclamations.

The proclamations of His Excellency the Governor for the observance of Lincoln Day, Arbor and Bird Day, Flag Day and Thanksgiving Day were printed and distributed under direction of this office. Of the Lincoln Day proclamations, 11,500 were given public distribution to the schools, churches, institutions, patriotic societies, postmasters and city and town clerks; of the Arbor and Bird Day proclamations, 10,500 were mailed to the schools, granges, agricultural societies, churches, institutions, postmasters and city and town clerks. Flag Day proclamations to the number of 11,000 were mailed to the schools, postmasters, patriotic societies, churches, institutions and city

and town clerks; and 10,000 Thanksgiving proclamations were sent to the churches, schools, postmasters and city and town clerks.

In addition to the above, proclamations of the Governor were printed and distributed as follows: for Fire Prevention Day, 5,000 copies were printed and distributed by the State Fire Marshal; for the extra session of the General Court, called by His Excellency the Governor to convene December 7, proclamations were printed and distributed to the members of the General Court and city and town clerks.

The proclamation concerning the election of electors of President and Vice-President of the United States was printed in certain newspapers of the fourteen counties of the Commonwealth.

Proclamations were also issued to the press by the Governor as follows: National Thrift Week, January 16; American Legion Membership Week, May 13; concerning food supply, May 20; concerning equal suffrage, September 2; suspending the open season for hunting, October 23; and reopening the season for hunting, October 28.

Pardons, Requisitions, Etc.

The number of pardons made out and issued during the year was 9, of which 7 were issued with parole conditions; commutations, 6; remander to State Prison, 1; requisitions upon other States, 178, upon Secretary of the Navy of the United States, 2; extradition requests upon foreign countries, 2; and warrants issued upon requisition from other States, 27.

Naturalization Returns.

Under the provisions of the Revised Laws, chapter 156, section 17, returns were received of the naturalization of 2,189 persons before the various courts of the Commonwealth during the year 1919, an increase of 337 as compared with the returns for 1918. These returns were indexed and bound in convenient form for reference, as required by law.

Salary of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, etc.

Under the provisions of chapter 350, General Acts of 1919, the executive and administrative work of the boards and commissions of the Commonwealth was divided into twenty

departments. The duties of the Secretary of the Commonwealth were enlarged by the addition thereto of the decennial census with all that it entails in the intervening years, and the supervision of the public records of the Commonwealth, counties, cities and towns. Although substantial increases in salaries were given certain officials of the various departments thus reorganized, corresponding treatment was not accorded the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth. I therefore renew the recommendation made in my last annual report that the salary of the Secretary of the Commonwealth be made commensurate with the importance of his office and the duties that he is now required to perform, and incidentally that the compensation of his deputies be given the same consideration accorded similar positions in the service of the reorganized departments.

Miscellaneous.

As required by law, the returns of the Surveyor-General of Lumber of the various kinds and quantities of lumber surveyed, and the amount of fees received by him and his deputies in the year 1919, were received and filed.

The five reports from this office which form a part of the Public Document series, namely, Return of Births, Marriages and Deaths (Public Document No. 1), Abstract of Certificates of Corporations (Public Document No. 10), Returns of Assessed Polls, Registered Voters and Persons who voted, etc. (Public Document No. 43), Supervisor of Public Records (Public Document No. 52), and Information relative to Voluntary Associations Owning or Controlling Public Service Corporations (Public Document No. 101), have been made, as required by law.

ALBERT P. LANGTRY,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

RETURNS OF VOTES

ON THE

APPROVAL OF A LAW SUBMITTED TO THE PEOPLE UNDER

"The Initiative" Amendment of the Constitution; and
of Certain Acts passed by the General Court

1919-1920

Vote on Question of Approval of "An Act to regulate the Manufacture and Sale of Beer, Cider and Light Wines," submitted under the Provisions of Article XLVIII of the Amendments to the Constitution, "The Initiative, V, Legislative Action on Proposed Laws, Section 1" (Rearrangement, Article 88), to the Voters of the Commonwealth at the State Election held November 2, 1920.

County of Barnstable.

City or Town.	Yes.	No.	City or Town.	Yes.	No.
Barnstable,	600	610	Orleans,	130	191
Bourne,	289	357	Provincetown,	259	222
Brewster,	112	90	Sandwich,	146	216
Chatham,	169	226	Truro,	36	51
Dennis,	178	255	Wellfleet,	66	128
Eastham,	46	52	Yarmouth,	207	152
Falmouth,	418	499			
Harwich,	161	199	Totals,	2,846	3,259
Mashpee,	29	11			

County of Berkshire.

Adams,	1,463	810	New Marlborough,	89	88
Alford,	19	36	North Adams,	2,334	2,470
Becket,	96	118	Otis,	44	45
Cheshire,	132	189	Peru,	26	12
Clarksburg,	86	144	Pittsfield,	5,772	5,402
Dalton,	424	791	Richmond,	44	108
Egremont,	60	84	Sandisfield,	38	30
Florida,	14	33	Savoy,	30	38
Great Barrington,	729	762	Sheffield,	132	175
Hancock,	31	63	Stockbridge,	227	255
Hinsdale,	93	175	Tyringham,	42	39
Lanesborough,	114	132	Washington,	44	15
Lee,	518	557	West Stockbridge,	104	142
Lenox,	458	380	Williamstown,	386	542
Monterey,	35	34	Windsor,	33	34
Mount Washington,	10	13			
New Ashford,	10	13	Totals,	13,637	13,729

County of Bristol.

Acushnet,	232	172	North Attleborough,	1,339	1,018
Attleboro,	2,061	2,465	Norton,	240	345
Berkley,	68	120	Raynham,	123	156
Dartmouth,	382	426	Rehoboth,	127	216
Dighton,	189	269	Seekonk,	174	338
Easton,	722	745	Somerset,	254	460
Fairhaven,	665	884	Swansea,	173	310
Fall River,	12,485	8,823	Taunton,	4,110	3,652
Freetown,	120	137	Westport,	215	327
Mansfield,	671	824			
New Bedford,	12,170	8,076	Totals,	33,520	29,763

County of Dukes County.

Chilmark,	12	56	Tisbury,	100	198
Edgartown,	95	138	West Tisbury,	21	78
Gay Head,	15	17			
Gosnold,	22	11	Totals,	380	624
Oak Buffs,	115	126			

County of Essex.

City or Town.	Yes.	No.	City or Town.	Yes.	No.
Amesbury,	1,382	1,745	Methuen,	1,930	2,216
Andover,	1,123	1,620	Middleton,	136	168
Beverly,	3,018	3,399	Nahant,	315	250
Boxford,	72	101	Newbury,	157	321
Danvers,	1,291	1,641	Newburyport,	1,781	2,348
Essex,	176	238	North Andover,	1,092	880
Georgetown,	234	310	Peabody,	2,422	1,818
Gloucester,	2,095	2,977	Rockport,	388	639
Groveland,	368	407	Rowley,	104	244
Hamilton,	256	281	Salem,	5,626	4,490
Haverhill,	6,045	7,051	Salisbury,	204	268
Ipswich,	422	709	Saugus,	1,089	1,735
Lawrence,	11,222	5,559	Swampscott,	908	1,961
Lynn,	12,467	12,645	Topsfield,	114	165
Lynnfield,	188	267	Wenham,	124	241
Manchester,	402	404	West Newbury,	130	303
Marblehead,	1,097	1,552			
Merrimac,	239	537	Totals,	58,617	59,490

County of Franklin.

Ashfield,	66	107	Monroe,	20	10
Bernardston,	67	134	Montague,	763	551
Buckland,	156	246	New Salem,	30	80
Charlemont,	75	120	Northfield,	117	328
Colrain,	122	286	Orange,	595	901
Conway,	77	98	Rowe,	16	49
Deerfield,	208	208	Shelburne,	137	333
Erving,	80	118	Shutesbury,	10	35
Gill,	54	135	Sunderland,	40	156
Greenfield,	1,579	2,073	Warwick,	30	48
Hawley,	33	32	Wendell,	26	33
Heath,	18	60	Whately,	58	66
Leverett,	30	66			
Leyden,	30	41	Totals,	4,437	6,314

County of Hampden.

Agawam,	477	399	Montgomery,	20	15
Blandford,	42	83	Palmer,	874	960
Brimfield,	44	110	Russell,	141	121
Chester,	108	138	Southwick,	97	159
Chicopee,	3,152	1,967	Springfield,	13,817	11,231
East Longmeadow,	173	323	Tolland,	11	25
Granville,	70	63	Wales,	49	74
Hampden,	58	44	West Springfield,	1,680	1,242
Holland,	12	22	Westfield,	1,943	2,054
Holyoke,	7,375	5,168	Wilbraham,	99	214
Longmeadow,	323	471			
Ludlow,	474	359	Totals,	31,505	25,825
Monson,	466	583			

County of Hampshire.

Amherst,	568	1,142	Northampton,	2,614	2,730
Belchertown,	204	267	Pelham,	45	81
Chesterfield,	51	89	Plainfield,	38	67
Cummington,	42	93	Prescott,	24	46
Easthampton,	1,100	953	South Hadley,	773	860
Enfield,	95	133	Southampton,	62	162
Goshen,	26	29	Ware,	810	829
Granby,	44	118	Westhampton,	13	88
Greenwich,	54	58	Williamsburg,	274	279
Hadley,	151	183	Worthington,	51	62
Hatfield,	202	215			
Huntington,	185	176	Totals,	7,448	8,697
Middlefield,	22	37			

County of Middlesex.

City or Town.	Yes.	No.	City or Town.	Yes.	No.
Acton,	245	425	Maynard,	622	711
Arlington,	2,493	3,636	Medford,	5,172	5,871
Ashby,	61	129	Melrose,	1,958	4,535
Ashland,	234	325	Natick,	1,960	1,981
Ayer,	357	392	Newton,	5,947	9,375
Bedford,	173	250	North Reading,	112	222
Belmont,	1,314	2,174	Pepperell,	386	368
Billerica,	523	652	Reading,	896	1,659
Boxborough,	41	49	Sherborn,	147	211
Burlington,	106	106	Shirley,	192	215
Cambridge,	12,221	11,480	Somerville,	8,938	12,400
Carlisle,	44	92	Stoneham,	1,034	1,583
Chelmsford,	511	1,004	Stow,	113	202
Concord,	716	929	Sudbury,	105	237
Dracut,	405	427	Tewksbury,	184	282
Dunstable,	35	68	Townsend,	161	270
Everett,	3,990	4,517	Tyngsborough,	98	167
Framingham,	2,159	2,296	Wakefield,	1,548	2,192
Groton,	304	356	Waltham,	3,672	4,414
Holliston,	326	433	Watertown,	3,148	3,462
Hopkinton,	370	379	Wayland,	278	373
Hudson,	871	1,138	Westford,	238	323
Lexington,	712	1,331	Weston,	235	570
Lincoln,	149	185	Wilmington,	269	320
Littleton,	109	275	Winchester,	1,263	2,177
Lowell,	12,629	8,921	Woburn,	2,420	2,356
Malden,	5,728	6,749			
Marlborough,	2,354	2,256	Totals,	90,276	107,450

County of Nantucket.

Nantucket,	309	307

County of Norfolk.

Avon,	272	264	Needham,	764	1,352
Bellingham,	187	151	Norfolk,	107	153
Braintree,	1,172	1,663	Norwood,	1,415	1,444
Brookline,	5,930	7,230	Plainville,	180	223
Canton,	1,009	657	Quincy,	5,230	6,401
Cohasset,	407	496	Randolph,	831	674
Dedham,	1,570	1,453	Sharon,	308	557
Dover,	118	147	Stoughton,	1,191	892
Foxborough,	424	628	Walpole,	650	664
Franklin,	796	754	Wellesley,	775	1,403
Holbrook,	411	506	Westwood,	188	246
Medfield,	227	333	Weymouth,	1,859	2,061
Medway,	302	389	Wrentham,	189	256
Millis,	212	215			
Milton,	1,361	2,093	Totals,	28,085	33,305

County of Plymouth.

Abington,	714	852	Mattapoisett,	134	277
Bridgewater,	606	743	Middleborough,	772	1,363
Brockton,	8,946	8,082	Norwell,	157	213
Carver,	33	133	Pembroke,	147	130
Duxbury,	208	227	Plymouth,	1,330	1,227
East Bridgewater,	434	505	Plympton,	43	81
Halifax,	47	75	Rochester,	49	95
Hanover,	227	353	Rockland,	1,200	1,132
Hanson,	181	261	Scituate,	318	470
Hingham,	842	835	Wareham,	349	459
Hull,	315	161	West Bridgewater,	278	401
Kingston,	254	281	Whitman,	1,118	1,344
Lakeville,	104	143			
Marion,	114	177	Totals,	19,082	20,303
Marshfield,	162	283			

County of Suffolk.

City or Town.	Yes.	No.	City or Town.	Yes.	No.
Boston,	87,300	63,651	Winthrop,	2,346	2,775
Chelsea,	3,703	2,375			
Revere,	3,696	2,055	Totals,	97,045	70,856

County of Worcester.

Ashburnham,	194	305	North Brookfield,	308	493
Athol,	951	1,243	Northborough,	205	425
Auburn,	442	526	Northbridge,	1,127	917
Barre,	220	319	Oakham,	49	119
Berlin,	68	252	Oxford,	418	409
Blackstone,	493	251	Paxton,	28	98
Bolton,	54	160	Petersham,	77	110
Boylston,	71	161	Phillipston,	24	50
Brookfield,	253	342	Princeton,	47	119
Charlton,	153	254	Royalston,	72	117
Clinton,	1,913	1,676	Rutland,	115	161
Dana,	61	98	Shrewsbury,	375	615
Douglas,	182	280	Southborough,	205	303
Dudley,	376	257	Southbridge,	2,162	1,426
Fitchburg,	5,481	4,640	Spencer,	727	824
Gardner,	1,517	1,591	Sterling,	148	222
Grafton,	615	745	Sturbridge,	132	206
Hardwick,	254	269	Sutton,	157	247
Harvard,	127	229	Templeton,	339	447
Holden,	219	468	Upton,	205	392
Hopedale,	242	635	Uxbridge,	693	608
Hubbardston,	77	181	Warren,	369	394
Lancaster,	189	300	Webster,	1,632	898
Leicester,	495	477	West Boylston,	84	331
Leominster,	2,286	2,438	West Brookfield,	122	222
Lunenburg,	148	259	Westborough,	586	868
Mendon,	75	171	Westminster,	105	223
Milford,	1,693	1,325	Winchendon,	612	696
Millbury,	679	661	Worcester,	21,029	20,331
Millville,	322	190			
New Braintree,	26	55	Totals,	52,028	53,029

Aggregate of Votes.

Counties.	Yes.	No.	Counties.	Yes.	No.
Barnstable,	2,846	3,259	Middlesex,	90,276	107,450
Berkshire,	13,637	13,729	Nantucket,	309	307
Bristol,	36,520	29,763	Norfolk,	28,085	33,305
Dukes County,	380	624	Plymouth,	19,082	20,303
Essex,	58,617	59,490	Suffolk,	97,045	70,856
Franklin,	4,437	6,314	Worcester,	52,028	53,029
Hampden,	31,505	25,825			
Hampshire,	7,448	8,697	Totals,	442,215	432,951

Returns from Cities and Towns relative to Action taken under Certain Provisions of the General Law.

When received.	City or Town.	Subject and Reference.	Action.	Date of Action.
1920.				
Jan. 8	Middleborough,	Licensing motor vehicles carrying passengers for hire, 1916, 293 (General Acts).	Accepted,	May 8, 1919
Jan. 29	West Bridgewater,	Licensing motor vehicles carrying passengers for hire, 1916, 293 (General Acts).	Accepted,	Dec. 9, 1919
Feb. 2	Haverhill,	Hours of labor of public employees and persons employed on public works, 1916, 240 (General Acts).	Accepted,	Jan. 23, 1920
Feb. 2	Haverhill,	Pensioning public school janitors, 1919, 143 (General Acts),	Accepted,	Jan. 30, 1920
Feb. 4	Canton,	Licensing coffee houses, 1917, 23 (General Acts),	Accepted,	June 16, 1919
Mar. 3	Westfield,	Civil service for chief of police, 1911, 468; 1918, 291, § 22 (General Acts),	Accepted,	Mar. 1, 1920
Mar. 3	Westfield,	Sunday sales, 1909, 423, as amended,	Accepted,	Mar. 1, 1920
Mar. 3	Ipswich,	Licensing coffee houses, 1917, 23 (General Acts),	Accepted,	Mar. 2, 1920
Mar. 9	Wenham,	Licensing motor vehicles carrying passengers for hire, 1916, 293 (General Acts).	Accepted,	Mar. 1, 1920
Mar. 9	Wenham,	Sunday sales, 1909, 423,	Accepted,	Mar. 1, 1920
Mar. 13	Peabody,	Police pensions, 1909, 188,	Accepted,	Mar. 11, 1920
Mar. 19	Winchester,	Tenure of office of chief of fire department, 1916, 291 (General Acts), 1917, 140 (General Acts).	Accepted,	Mar. 15, 1920
Mar. 19	Winchester,	Civil service for permanent fire force, R. L. 19, § 37,	Accepted,	Mar. 15, 1920
Apr. 2	Holyoke,	Board of registrars of voters, 1913, 835, § 24,	Accepted,	Feb. 9, 1920
Apr. 9	Quincy,	Pensioning public school janitors, 1919, 143 (General Acts),	Accepted,	Apr. 7, 1920
Apr. 9	Holyoke,	Amateur athletic outdoor sports or games, 1920, 240,	Accepted,	Apr. 7, 1920
Apr. 10	Revere,	Amateur athletic outdoor sports or games, 1920, 240,	Accepted,	Apr. 8, 1920
Apr. 10	Milton,	Pensions for widows and children of policemen and firemen, 1907, 186,	Accepted,	Mar. 13, 1920
Apr. 12	Boston,	Amateur athletic outdoor sports or games, 1920, 240,	Accepted,	Apr. 9, 1920
Apr. 13	Boston,	Payment to municipal employees who served in World War, 1920, 235,	Accepted,	Apr. 12, 1920
Apr. 13	Lowell,	Amateur athletic outdoor sports or games, 1920, 240,	Accepted,	Apr. 10, 1920
Apr. 15	Worcester,	Amateur athletic outdoor sports or games, 1920, 240,	Accepted,	Apr. 12, 1920
Apr. 15	Taunton,	Amateur athletic outdoor sports or games, 1920, 240,	Accepted,	Apr. 14, 1920
Apr. 17	Sharon,	Licensing motor vehicles carrying passengers for hire, 1916, 293 (General Acts).	Accepted,	Feb. 10, 1920
Apr. 22	Westfield,	Amateur athletic outdoor sports or games, 1920, 240,	Accepted,	Apr. 20, 1920
Apr. 28	Beverly,	Amateur athletic outdoor sports or games, 1920, 240,	Accepted,	Apr. 23, 1920
Apr. 28	Stoneham,	Amateur athletic outdoor sports or games, 1920, 240,	Accepted,	Apr. 22, 1920
Apr. 30	Cambridge,	Amateur athletic outdoor sports or games, 1920, 240,	Accepted,	Apr. 22, 1920
Apr. 29	Sturbridge,	Amateur athletic outdoor sports or games, 1920, 240,	Accepted,	Apr. 27, 1920
May 1	Holyoke,	Payment to municipal employees who served in World War, 1920, 235,	Accepted,	Apr. 22, 1920
May 12	North Adams,	Amateur athletic outdoor sports or games, 1920, 240,	Accepted,	May 11, 1920
May 15	Peabody,	Amateur athletic outdoor sports or games, 1920, 240,	Accepted,	May 13, 1920
May 17	Springfield,	Amateur athletic outdoor sports or games, 1920, 240,	Accepted,	Apr. 20, 1920

Returns from Cities and Towns relative to Action taken under Certain Provisions of the General Law — Concluded.

When received.	City or Town.	Subject and Reference.	Action.	Date of Action.
1920.				
May 25	Newton,	Amateur athletic outdoor sports or games, 1920, 240,	Accepted,	May 19, 1920
May 28	Norwood,	Amateur athletic outdoor sports or games, 1920, 240,	Accepted,	May 25, 1920
June 1	Bolton,	Amateur athletic outdoor sports or games, 1920, 240,	Rejected,	May 17, 1920
June 12	Westport,	Board of survey, 1907, 191,	Accepted,	Apr. 10, 1920
July 2	Worcester,	Pensions for foremen, inspectors, mechanics, drawtenders, etc., in the employ of cities and towns, 1920, 179.	Accepted,	June 28, 1920
July 6	Haverhill,	Paving of private passageways, 1907, 256,	Accepted,	June 29, 1920
July 6	Haverhill,	Prevention of fires, 1920, 436,	Accepted,	June 22, 1920
July 13	Peabody,	Prevention of fires, 1920, 436,	Accepted,	July 8, 1920
July 22	Sharon,	Amateur athletic outdoor sports or games, 1920, 240,	Accepted,	July 20, 1920
July 24	Hull,	Amateur athletic outdoor sports or games, 1920, 240,	Accepted,	July 19, 1920
July 24	Hull,	Prevention of fires, 1920, 436,	Accepted,	July 19, 1920
July 27	Worcester,	Permitting boxing exhibitions, 1920, 619,	Accepted,	July 6, 1920
Sept. 10	Boston,	Permitting boxing exhibitions, 1920, 619,	Accepted,	Sept. 8, 1920
Sept. 11	Fall River,	Permitting boxing exhibitions, 1920, 619,	Accepted,	Sept. 9, 1920
Sept. 11	Taunton,	Permitting boxing exhibitions, 1920, 619,	Accepted,	Sept. 10, 1920
Sept. 11	Quincy,	Permitting boxing exhibitions, 1920, 619,	Accepted,	Sept. 10, 1920
Sept. 15	Salem,	Permitting boxing exhibitions, 1920, 619,	Accepted,	Sept. 14, 1920
Sept. 15	Salem,	Amateur athletic outdoor sports or games, 1920, 240,	Accepted,	Sept. 14, 1920
Sept. 18	North Adams,	Permitting boxing exhibitions, 1920, 619,	Accepted,	Sept. 14, 1920
Sept. 20	Holyoke,	Permitting boxing exhibitions, 1920, 619,	Accepted,	Sept. 8, 1920
Sept. 20	Revere,	Permitting boxing exhibitions, 1920, 619,	Accepted,	Sept. 18, 1920
Sept. 27	Westfield,	Civil service for firemen, R. L. 19, § 19,	Accepted,	Sept. 24, 1920
Sept. 27	Westfield,	Permitting boxing exhibitions, 1920, 619,	Accepted,	Sept. 24, 1920
Oct. 4	Boston,	Retirement of certain veterans, 1920, 574,	Accepted,	Sept. 8, 1920
Oct. 7	Holyoke,	Payment to municipal employees who served in World War, 1920, 235,	Accepted,	Oct. 6, 1920
Oct. 20	Cambridge,	Pensions for foremen, inspectors, mechanics, drawtenders, etc., in the employ of cities and towns, 1920, 179.	Accepted,	Oct. 16, 1920
Oct. 20	Cambridge,	Retirement of certain veterans, 1920, 574,	Accepted,	Oct. 16, 1920
Oct. 23	Attleboro.	Pensions for members of fire department, 1913, 697,	Accepted,	Oct. 22, 1920
Nov. 11	Lowell,	Permitting boxing exhibitions, 1920, 619,	Accepted,	Sept. 7, 1920
Nov. 12	Malden,	Question on adoption of Plan D under "An Act to simplify the revision of city charters," 1915, 267 (General Acts).	Rejected; for vote see "Returns of Votes of Certain Special Acts."	Nov. 2, 1920
Nov. 22	Townsend,	Elections (ballot town), 1913, 835, § 432,	Accepted,	Nov. 2, 1920
Nov. 22	Townsend,	Election of certain town officers, additional, 1913, 835, § 433,	Accepted,	Nov. 2, 1920
Nov. 30	Bedford,	Board of Survey, 1907, 191,	Accepted,	Nov. 10, 1920
Dec. 10	Fall River,	Amateur athletic outdoor sports or games, 1920, 240,	Accepted,	Dec. 7, 1920
Dec. 10	Fall River,	Permitting boxing exhibitions, 1920, 619,	Accepted,	Dec. 7, 1920
Dec. 10	Peabody,	Amateur athletic outdoor sports or games, 1920, 240,	Accepted,	Dec. 7, 1920

Dec. 10	Peabody,	Permitting boxing exhibitions, 1920, 619,	Accepted,	Dec. 7, 1920
Dec. 11	Salem,	Amateur athletic outdoor sports or games, 1920, 240,	Accepted,	Dec. 7, 1920
Dec. 11	Salem,	Permitting boxing exhibitions, 1920, 619,	Accepted,	Dec. 7, 1920
Dec. 14	Marlborough,	Permitting boxing exhibitions, 1920, 619,	Accepted,	Dec. 7, 1920
Dec. 14	Marlborough,	Amateur athletic outdoor sports or games, 1920, 240,	Accepted,	Dec. 7, 1920
Dec. 14	Marlborough,	Civil service for chief of police, 1911, 468; 1918, 291 § 22 (General Acts),	Rejected,	Dec. 7, 1920
Dec. 15	Quincy,	Amateur athletic outdoor sports or games, 1920, 240,	Accepted,	Dec. 7, 1920
Dec. 15	Quincy,	Permitting boxing exhibitions, 1920, 619,	Accepted,	Dec. 7, 1920
Dec. 15	Springfield,	Amateur athletic outdoor sports or games, 1920, 240,	Accepted,	Dec. 7, 1920
Dec. 15	Springfield,	Permitting boxing exhibitions, 1920, 619,	Rejected,	Dec. 7, 1920
Dec. 16	Chicopee,	Amateur athletic outdoor sports or games, 1920, 240,	Accepted,	Dec. 7, 1920
Dec. 16	Chicopee,	Permitting boxing exhibitions, 1920, 619,	Accepted,	Dec. 7, 1920
Dec. 16	Revere,	Amateur athletic outdoor sports or games, 1920, 240,	Accepted,	Dec. 14, 1920
Dec. 16	Revere,	Permitting boxing exhibitions, 1920, 619,	Accepted,	Dec. 14, 1920
Dec. 17	Malden,	Amateur athletic outdoor sports or games, 1920, 240,	Rejected,	Dec. 14, 1920
Dec. 17	Malden,	Permitting boxing exhibitions, 1920, 619,	Rejected,	Dec. 14, 1920
Dec. 17	Taunton,	Amateur athletic outdoor sports or games, 1920, 240,	Accepted,	Dec. 7, 1920
Dec. 17	Taunton,	Permitting boxing exhibitions, 1920, 619,	Accepted,	Dec. 7, 1920
Dec. 17	Holyoke,	Amateur athletic outdoor sports or games, 1920, 240,	Accepted,	Dec. 7, 1920
Dec. 17	Holyoke,	Permitting boxing exhibitions, 1920, 619,	Accepted,	Dec. 7, 1920
Dec. 17	Lawrence,	Amateur athletic outdoor sports or games, 1920, 240,	Accepted,	Dec. 14, 1920
Dec. 17	Lawrence,	Permitting boxing exhibitions, 1920, 619,	Accepted,	Dec. 14, 1920
Dec. 17	Melrose,	Amateur athletic outdoor sports or games, 1920, 240,	Rejected,	Dec. 14, 1920
Dec. 17	Melrose,	Permitting boxing exhibitions, 1920, 619,	Accepted,	Dec. 14, 1920
Dec. 17	Melrose,	Maintenance of Pine Banks Park, 1905, 393; 1906, 162,	Accepted,	Dec. 14, 1920
Dec. 18	New Bedford,	Amateur athletic outdoor sports or games, 1920, 240,	Accepted,	Dec. 7, 1920
Dec. 18	New Bedford,	Permitting boxing exhibitions, 1920, 619,	Accepted,	Dec. 7, 1920
Dec. 20	North Adams,	Amateur athletic outdoor sports or games, 1920, 240,	Accepted,	Dec. 14, 1920
Dec. 20	North Adams,	Permitting boxing exhibitions, 1920, 619,	Accepted,	Dec. 14, 1920
Dec. 28	Everett,	Amateur athletic outdoor sports or games, 1920, 240,	Accepted,	Dec. 14, 1920
Dec. 28	Everett,	Permitting boxing exhibitions, 1920, 619,	Rejected,	Dec. 14, 1920
Dec. 31	Newton,	Amateur athletic outdoor sports or games, 1920, 240,	Accepted,	Dec. 14, 1920
Dec. 31	Newton,	Permitting boxing exhibitions, 1920, 619,	Rejected,	Dec. 14, 1920
1921.				
Jan. 6	Beverly,	Amateur athletic outdoor sports or games, 1920, 240,	Accepted,	Dec. 14, 1920
Jan. 6	Beverly,	Permitting boxing exhibitions, 1920, 619,	Accepted,	Dec. 14, 1920
Jan. 8	Cambridge,	Amateur athletic outdoor sports or games, 1920, 240,	Accepted,	Dec. 7, 1920
Jan. 8	Cambridge,	Permitting boxing exhibitions, 1920, 619,	Accepted,	Dec. 7, 1920

Returns relative to the Acceptance or Rejection of Certain Special Acts passed by the General Court and referred to the Voters, or to the City Council of a City.

When received.	From whom received.	Title of Act.	Date of Action.	Vote.	
				Yes.	No.
1920.					
Jan. 6	City Clerk, Beverly,	An Act to place the chief of police of the city of Beverly under the civil service laws [1919, 30, Special Acts].	Dec. 31, 1919[1]	–	–[2]
Jan. 8	Town Clerk, Middleborough,	An Act to authorize the town of Middleborough to take over the properties and liabilities of the Middleborough Fire District (Accepted by the Fire District, December 1, 1919) [1919, 143, Special Acts].	May 8, 1919	116	73
Jan. 14	Town Clerk, Milton,	An Act relative to pensioning call members of the fire department of the town of Milton [1919, 15, Special Acts].	Mar. 1, 1919	314	394
Jan. 14	Town Clerk, Milton,	An Act to authorize the town of Milton to pay an annuity to the widow of Thomas F. McDermott [1919, 16, Special Acts].	Mar. 8, 1919	–[3]	–
Jan. 14	Town Clerk, Milton,	An Act to authorize the town of Milton to pay an annuity to the widow of Patrick Moran [1919, 17, Special Acts].	Mar. 8, 1919	–[3]	–
Jan. 20	Clerk, Tewksbury Fire and Water District.	An Act to establish the Tewksbury Fire and Water District [1919, 203, Special Acts].	Dec. 22, 1919	51	33
Feb. 20	City Clerk, Beverly,	An Act relative to the salaries of the mayor and other public officers of the city of Beverly [1920, 26].	Feb. 18, 1920	–[4]	–
Feb. 21	City Clerk, Cambridge,	An Act to authorize the school committee of Cambridge to pension Eliza M. Hussey [1920, 21].	Feb. 17, 1920	–[4]	–
Feb. 27	City Clerk, Taunton,	An Act to establish the salary of the mayor of Taunton [1920, 10],	Feb. 25, 1920	–[4]	–
Mar. 3	Town Clerk, Westfield,	An Act to establish the office of chief of the fire department of the town of Westfield and to place the office under the civil service laws [1920, 5].	Mar. 1, 1920	–[3]	–
Mar. 19	City Clerk, Quincy,	An Act establishing a board of license commissioners in the city of Quincy [1920, 70].	Mar. 15, 1920	–[4]	–
Mar. 25	City Clerk, Boston,	An Act to authorize the city of Boston to pay a sum of money to the widow of Atlas Skinner [1920, 62].	Mar. 23, 1920	–[4]	–
Mar. 25	City Clerk, Boston,	An Act to authorize the city of Boston to pay a sum of money to the widow of Timothy Mooney [1920, 98].	Mar. 23, 1920	–[4]	–
Apr. 2	Clerk, Erving Water District,	An Act to establish the Erving Water District and to provide for supplying the same with water [1918, 172, Special Acts].	June 18, 1918	–[5]	–
Apr. 12	City Clerk, Boston,	An Act to authorize the city of Boston to pay a sum of money to John McCourt [1920, 189].	Apr. 9, 1920	–[4]	–
Apr. 13	Town Clerk, Framingham,	An Act to authorize the establishment of a reserve police force in the town of Framingham [1920, 34].	Mar. 1, 1920	164	–
May 7	City Clerk, Boston,	An Act authorizing the city of Boston to pay a sum of money to James F. Webber [1920, 186].	May 4, 1920	–[4]	–
May 12	City Clerk, Cambridge,	An Act to authorize the city of Cambridge to retire and pension Thomas M. Thomas [1920, 134].	May 6, 1920	–[4]	–

May 12	City Clerk, Boston,	An Act to authorize the county of Suffolk to retire and pension John Collins [1920, 109].	May 10, 1920	–[4]	–
May 12	City Clerk, Boston,	An Act to authorize the county of Suffolk to pay a pension to John Quane [1920, 233].	May 10, 1920	–[4]	–
May 17	City Clerk, Peabody,	An Act relative to the promotion of call firemen to the permanent force in the city of Peabody [1920, 430].	May 13, 1920	–[4]	–
May 17	City Clerk, Boston,	An Act to authorize the city of Boston to pay an annuity to Mary A. McGrath [1920, 318].	May 13, 1920	–[4]	–
May 17	City Clerk, Boston,	An Act to authorize the county of Suffolk to pay an annual pension to Rosa B. Torrey [1920, 309].	May 13, 1920	–[4]	–
May 29	City Clerk, Boston,	An Act authorizing the city of Boston to pay an annual pension to John R. McCausland [1920, 400].	May 26, 1920	–[4]	–
May 29	City Clerk, Boston,	An Act authorizing the city of Boston to retire with a pension George A. Marks [1920, 407].	May 26, 1920	–[4]	–
June 3	City Clerk, Cambridge,	An Act authorizing the city of Cambridge to retire and pension Margaret A. Dayton [1920, 331].	May 28, 1920	–[4]	–
June 5	City Clerk, Boston,	An Act to provide for the improvement of sanitary conditions in the old harbor in the South Boston district of the city of Boston [1920, 393].	June 3, 1920	–[4]	–
June 18	City Clerk, Newton,	An Act to authorize the city of Newton to beautify parts of the Cochituate aqueduct [1920, 561].	June 7, 1920	–[4]	–
June 24	City Clerk, Boston,	An Act further to regulate appropriations by the school committee of the city of Boston [1920, 524].	June 21, 1920	–[6]	–
June 25	City Clerk, Boston,	An Act to authorize the city of Boston to pay a sum of money to William and Mary Wallace [1920, 94].	June 4, 1920	–[4]	–
June 30	City Clerk, Cambridge,	An Act to authorize the city of Cambridge to retire Lucian S. Cabot and William H. Porter [1920, 161].	June 24, 1920	–[4]	–
June 30	City Clerk, Cambridge,	An Act to authorize the city of Cambridge to retire and pension George Davis [1920, 135].	June 24, 1920	–[4]	–
July 9	City Clerk, Lowell,	An Act to define the status of chauffeurs of the Lowell police department in respect to pensions [1920, 115].	July 6, 1920	–[4]	–
July 13	Clerk, Dighton Electric Light District,	An Act to establish an electric light district in the town of Dighton [1920, 316],	July 1, 1920	–[5]	–
Aug. 21	City Clerk, Boston,	An Act to authorize the city of Boston to lay out and construct Stuart street from Eliot street to Huntington avenue, and to relocate and construct Eliot street from Washington street to Pleasant street [1917, 329 (Special Acts), 1918, 118 (Special Acts)].	Aug. 19, 1920	–[7]	–
Sept. 20	City Clerk, Revere,	An Act relative to the term of office of the city collector of Revere [1920, 97],	Sept. 18, 1920	–[4]	–
Oct. 15	City Clerk, Newton,	An Act to authorize the city of Newton to pay a sum of money to the widow of John F. Cotton [1920, 332].	Oct. 14, 1920	–[8]	–
Nov. 4	City Clerk, Gloucester,	An Act relative to the election of chief engineer of the fire department and building inspector of the city of Gloucester [1920, 63].	Nov. 2, 1920	2,234	1,865
Nov. 4	City Clerk, Gloucester,	An Act to repeal the preferential voting law for the city of Gloucester [1920, 81],	Nov. 2, 1920	2,160	1,645
Nov. 8	City Clerk, Marlborough,	An Act relative to the salary of the mayor of the city of Marlborough [1920, 187],	Nov. 2, 1920	2,290	1,799
Nov. 8	Town Clerk, Westfield,	An Act to incorporate the city of Westfield [1920, 294],	Nov. 2, 1920	2,606	1,414

[1] Time expired.
[2] No action taken by the mayor and aldermen.
[3] Accepted by a majority vote of the voters of said town.
[4] Accepted by city council.
[5] Accepted by a majority vote of the voters of said district.
[6] Accepted by the school committee of Boston.
[7] Accepted by mayor and city council.
[8] Accepted by the board of aldermen.

Returns relative to the Acceptance or Rejection of Certain Special Acts passed by the General Court and referred to the Voters, or to the City Council of a City — Concluded.

When received.	From whom received.	Title of Act.	Date of Action.	Vote.	
				Yes.	No.
1920.					
Nov. 10	City Clerk, Lynn,	An act to amend the charter of the city of Lynn relative to the salary of the mayor [1920, 85].	Nov. 2, 1920	6,356	15,601
Nov. 10	City Clerk, Lynn,	An act relative to the salary of the member of the commission on ways and drainage in the city of Lynn who is elected by the city council [1920, 88].	Nov. 2, 1920	7,467	12,700
Nov. 10	City Clerk, Lynn,	An Act relative to appropriations for school purposes in the city of Lynn [1920, 289].	Nov. 2, 1920	15,915	6,583
Nov. 10	City Clerk, Methuen,	An Act relative to the salaries of the mayor and city council of Methuen [1920, 83].	Nov. 2, 1920	515	3,456
Nov. 10	City Clerk, Newburyport,	An Act to provide for a preliminary election for the choice of municipal officers in the city of Newburyport [1920, 95].	Nov. 2, 1920	2,150	1,161
Nov. 10	Town Clerk, Winthrop,	An Act placing under civil service rules and regulations the office of chief of police of Winthrop [1920, 330].	Nov. 2, 1920	3,596	1,023
Nov. 10	Town Clerk, Winthrop,	An Act to provide for precinct voting, representative town meetings, town meeting members, a referendum and an annual moderator in the town of Winthrop [1920, 427].	Nov. 2, 1920	3,408	838
Nov. 12	Board of Election Commissioners, Boston.	An Act relative to the election of members of the city council of the city of Boston [1920, 471].	Nov. 2, 1920	56,324	79,353
Nov. 12	City Clerk, Fall River,	An Act relative to the pensioning of laborers in the employ of the city of Fall River [1920, 163].	Nov. 2, 1920	8,630	11,949
Nov. 12	City Clerk, Haverhill,	An Act to provide a new city charter for the city of Haverhill [1920, 182],	Nov. 2, 1920	4,672	7,489
Nov. 12	City Clerk, Lawrence,	An Act to increase the salaries of the mayor and aldermen of Lawrence [1920, 84],	Nov. 2, 1920	3,116	12,771
Nov. 12	City Clerk, Malden,	An Act to simplify the revision of city charters (Question on adoption of Plan D) [1915, 267, General Acts].	Nov. 2, 1920	2,918	9,492
Nov. 12	City Clerk, Peabody,	An Act relative to the salaries of the mayor and city councilmen of the city of Peabody [1920, 192].	Nov. 2, 1920	1,625	2,219
Nov. 16	City Clerk, Quincy,	An Act relative to the city council of the city of Quincy [1920, 195],	Nov. 2, 1920	7,141	3,069
Nov. 19	Town Clerk, Middleborough,	An Act to establish a town manager form of government for the town of Middleborough [1920, 592].	Nov. 6, 1920	906	253
Dec. 16	City Clerk, Chicopee,	An Act to place under the civil service the chief of the fire department and the superintendent of the water department in the city of Chicopee [1920, 533].	Dec. 7, 1920	1,516	2,312
Dec. 17	City Clerk, Melrose,	An Act relative to the soldiers and sailors memorial building in the city of Melrose [1920, 144].	Dec. 14, 1920	2,452	2,161
Dec. 28	City Clerk, Everett,	An Act to provide for placing the inspector of buildings in the city of Everett under the civil service laws [1920, 518].	Dec. 14, 1920	5,427	1,828
Dec. 30	City Clerk, Boston,	An Act relative to the medical service furnished to the municipal court of the city of Boston sitting for criminal business [1920, 508].	Dec. 29, 1920	–[1]	–

[1] Accepted by city council.

Returns of Votes upon the Question of the Acceptance or Rejection of Chapter 132 of the General Acts of 1919, entitled "An Act to provide for the Division into Day and Night Forces of Permanent Members of Fire Departments," submitted to the Voters of the Following-named Cities and Towns at the State Election held November 2, 1920.

City or Town.	Result of Vote.	Yes.	No.
Beverly,	Rejected,	2,365	4,046
Boston,	Rejected,	59,704	90,524
Gloucester,	Rejected,	1,454	3,362
Malden,	Rejected,	5,330	7,100
Medford,	Accepted,	5,473	5,424
Melrose,	Rejected,	1,851	4,420
Newton,	Rejected,	5,764	9,479
Swampscott,	Rejected,	691	2,159
Wakefield,	Rejected,	1,557	2,082
Winthrop,	Accepted,	2,510	2,498

Returns of Votes upon the Question of the Acceptance or Rejection of Chapter 166 of the Acts of 1920, entitled "An Act to provide for One Day off in Every Eight Days for Certain Police Officers," submitted to the Voters of the Following-named Cities and Towns at the State Election held November 2, 1920.

City or Town.	Result of Action.	Yes.	No.
Arlington,	Accepted,	4,602	1,230
Athol,	Accepted,	1,099	685
Attleboro,	Accepted,	2,535	1,631
Belmont,	Accepted,	2,508	751
Billerica,	Accepted,	582	399
Canton,	Accepted,	825	573
Chicopee,	Accepted,	2,796	1,898
Cohasset,	Accepted,	477	242
Dalton,	Accepted,	761	278
Danvers,	Accepted,	1,759	823
Dedham,	Accepted,	1,956	744
Easthampton,	Accepted,	1,095	731
Fitchburg,	Rejected,	4,140	5,581
Framingham,	Accepted,	2,438	1,826
Gardner,	Accepted,	1,569	961
Gloucester,	Accepted,	2,472	2,291
Great Barrington,	Accepted,	880	434
Greenfield,	Accepted,	2,842	5[illegible]3
Haverhill,	Accepted,	7,013	5,887
Hudson,	Accepted,	1,267	457
Leominster,	Accepted,	2,956	1,415
Lexington,	Accepted,	1,232	580
Malden,	Accepted,	8,181	3,792
Manchester,	Accepted,	413	318
Medford,	Accepted,	7,947	2,693
Melrose,	Accepted,	3,512	2,721
Milton,	Accepted,	1,641	1,640
Nahant,	Accepted,	371	132
Newburyport,	Accepted,	1,902	1,708
Newton,	Accepted,	10,293	4,788
North Adams,	Accepted,	2,668	2,001
Northampton,	Accepted,	2,930	2,378
Norwood,	Accepted,	2,289	375
Peabody,	Accepted,	2,818	1,233
Pittsfield,	Accepted,	8,387	2,811
Reading,	Accepted,	1,630	620
Revere,	Accepted,	4,187	1,120
Stoneham,	Accepted,	1,708	586
Stoughton,	Accepted,	1,296	474

Returns of Votes upon the Question of the Acceptance or Rejection of Chapter 166 of the Acts of 1920, etc. — Concluded.

City or Town.	Result of Action.	Yes.	No.
Wakefield,	Accepted,	2,257	1,331
Waltham,	Accepted,	5,191	2,375
Ware,	Accepted,	1,150	345
Watertown,	Accepted,	4,660	1,624
Wellesley,	Accepted,	1,386	652
Westfield,	Rejected,	1,701	2,095
Weymouth,	Accepted,	2,216	1,037
Winchester,	Accepted,	2,244	896
Winthrop,	Accepted,	3,691	1,119
Woburn,	Accepted,	3,188	1,272

Returns made by the City Clerks to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, in the Year 1920, under the Requirements of Section 3, Chapter 630 of the Acts of 1920, showing the Vote given at their Last Annual Meeting on the Question, "Shall Licenses be granted for the Sale of Certain Non-intoxicating Beverages in this City?"

Name of City.	Yes.	No.
Beverly,	2,842	3,694
Cambridge,	8,720	7,856
Chicopee,	1,744	1,487
Everett,	3,233	4,326
Fall River,	12,784	8,725
Holyoke,	5,498	4,288
Lawrence,	10,098	4,642
Malden,	2,753	4,382
Marlborough,	2,369	2,199
Melrose,	1,171	3,203
New Bedford,	12,250	7,125
Newburyport,	869	1,078
Newton,	1,415	2,484
North Adams,	1,575	2,057
Peabody,	2,296	1,983
Revere,	2,708	1,595
Salem,	4,276	3,549
Springfield,	6,491	5,291
Taunton,	3,578	3,204

RETURNS OF VOTES

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OF

INTOXICATING LIQUORS

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Returns made by the Several City and Town Clerks to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, in the Year 1920, under the Requirements of Section 10, Chapter 100, Revised Laws, showing the Vote given at their Last Annual Meeting on the Question, "Shall Licenses be granted for the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors in this City or Town?"

County of Barnstable.

Cities and Towns.	Vote at Last Annual Meeting. Shall Licenses be granted?		Cities and Towns.	Vote at Last Annual Meeting. Shall Licenses be granted?	
	Yes.	No.		Yes.	No.
Barnstable,	469	312	Orleans,	84	117
Bourne,	210	129	Provincetown,	206	162
Brewster,	75	26	Sandwich,	133	101
Chatham,	98	148	Truro,	17	25
Dennis,	90	42	Wellfleet,[1]	–	–
Eastham,[1]	–	–	Yarmouth,	110	106
Falmouth,	301	182			
Harwich,	112	141	Totals,	1,938	1,504
Mashpee,	33	13			

County of Berkshire.

Adams,	1,065	431	New Marlborough,	85	46
Alford,	16	6	North Adams,	1,780	2,313
Becket,	30	39	Otis,	42	18
Cheshire,	117	75	Peru,	6	5
Clarksburg,	40	53	Pittsfield,	4,905	5,990
Dalton,	74	94	Richmond,	26	38
Egremont,	45	42	Sandisfield,	26	6
Florida,	6	17	Savoy,	19	15
Great Barrington,	558	286	Sheffield,	81	84
Hancock,	30	48	Stockbridge,	112	79
Hinsdale,	42	46	Tyringham,	19	8
Lanesborough,	17	32	Washington,	16	7
Lee,	141	85	West Stockbridge,	83	26
Lenox,	321	154	Williamstown,	170	238
Monterey,	20	20	Windsor,	11	13
Mount Washington,	8	3			
New Ashford,	7	7	Totals,	9,918	10,324

County of Bristol.

Acushnet,[1]	–	–	North Attleborough,	752	340
Attleboro,[1]	–	–	Norton,	39	45
Berkley,	22	39	Raynham,	51	68
Dartmouth,	58	81	Rehoboth,	31	37
Dighton,	69	38	Seekonk,[1]	–	–
Easton,	176	68	Somerset,	17	36
Fairhaven,	88	139	Swansea,	32	67
Fall River,	13,427	10,848	Taunton,	3,356	3,688
Freetown,	79	62	Westport,	127	237
Mansfield,	298	224			
New Bedford,	12,959	8,418	Totals,	31,581	24,435

County of Dukes County.

Chilmark,	8	10	Tisbury,	31	67
Edgartown,	65	57	West Tisbury,[1]	–	–
Gay Head,	5	19			
Gosnold,	16	8	Totals,	226	221
Oak Bluffs,	101	60			

[1] Question not submitted to voters.

Returns made by the Several City and Town Clerks to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, in the Year 1920, under the Requirements of Section 10, Chapter 100, Revised Laws — Continued.

County of Essex.

Cities and Towns.	Vote at Last Annual Meeting. Shall Licenses be granted?		Cities and Towns.	Vote at Last Annual Meeting. Shall Licenses be granted?	
	Yes.	No.		Yes.	No.
Amesbury,	844	494	Methuen,	1,125	1,664
Andover,	548	486	Middleton,	96	55
Beverly,	2,433	4,433	Nahant,	219	88
Boxford,	20	35	Newbury,	51	45
Danvers,	336	187	Newburyport,	832	1,106
Essex,	87	78	North Andover,	700	373
Georgetown,	46	40	Peabody,	2,086	2,360
Gloucester,	1,861	3,420	Rockport,	325	268
Groveland,	61	50	Rowley,	79	89
Hamilton,	195	84	Salem,	4,048	4,360
Haverhill,	4,197	5,580	Salisbury,	179	128
Ipswich,	389	291	Saugus,	401	423
Lawrence,	9,778	5,059	Swampscott,	438	664
Lynn,	4,875	6,815	Topsfield,	74	62
Lynnfield,	100	40	Wenham,	60	68
Manchester,	221	118	West Newbury,	48	103
Marblehead,	506	449			
Merrimac,	59	83	Totals,	37,317	39,598

County of Franklin.

Ashfield,	20	52	Monroe,	7	7
Bernardston,[1]	–	–	Montague,	434	174
Buckland,	112	99	New Salem,[1]	–	–
Charlemont,	23	33	Northfield,	36	75
Colrain,	39	61	Orange,	465	284
Conway,[1]	–	–	Rowe,	9	7
Deerfield,	98	51	Shelburne,	76	111
Erving,	21	19	Shutesbury,	7	13
Gill,	8	30	Sunderland,	5	34
Greenfield,	814	481	Warwick,	7	20
Hawley,	6	21	Wendell,	39	21
Heath,	1	34	Whately,	30	36
Leverett,	2	29			
Leyden,	3	18	Totals,	2,262	1,710

County of Hampden.

Agawam,	266	122	Montgomery,	4	9
Blandford,	9	54	Palmer,	543	299
Brimfield,	13	38	Russell,	108	72
Chester,	1	–	Southwick,	63	69
Chicopee,	2,277	1,908	Springfield,	5,817	6,758
East Longmeadow,	105	168	Tolland,	1	17
Granville,	48	37	Wales,	22	19
Hampden,	35	14	West Springfield,	719	355
Holland,	5	10	Westfield,	1,528	2,154
Holyoke,	6,553	5,043	Wilbraham,	11	38
Longmeadow,	15	38			
Ludlow,	285	183	Totals,	18,553	17,481
Monson,	125	76			

[1] Question not submitted to voters.

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County of Hampshire.

Cities and Towns.	Vote at Last Annual Meeting. Shall Licenses be granted?		Cities and Towns.	Vote at Last Annual Meeting. Shall Licenses be granted?	
	Yes.	No.		Yes.	No.
Amherst,	275	280	Northampton,	2,175	2,769
Belchertown,	170	99	Pelham,	6	12
Chesterfield,	45	20	Plainfield,	25	15
Cummington,	25	43	Prescott,	16	11
Easthampton,	823	324	South Hadley,	197	139
Enfield,	57	42	Southampton,	34	23
Goshen,	8	3	Ware,	558	278
Granby,	2	27	Westhampton,	–	32
Greenwich,	7	11	Williamsburg,	109	92
Hadley,	54	55	Worthington,	17	23
Hatfield,	90	83			
Huntington,	151	73	Totals,	4,856	4,468
Middlefield,	12	14			

County of Middlesex.

Acton,	26	43	Maynard,	263	163
Arlington,	784	727	Medford,	2,990	6,718
Ashby,	11	31	Melrose,	810	3,822
Ashland,	161	116	Natick,	1,225	600
Ayer,	211	184	Newton,	980	3,190
Bedford,	105	89	North Reading,	71	68
Belmont,[1]	–	–	Pepperell,	94	74
Billerica,	317	342	Reading,	305	375
Boxborough,	20	13	Sherborn,	39	33
Burlington,	13	14	Shirley,	54	41
Cambridge,	6,741	11,329	Somerville,[2]	–	–
Carlisle,	36	24	Stoneham,	670	435
Chelmsford,	146	279	Stow,	22	44
Concord,	53	44	Sudbury,	52	68
Dracut,	199	190	Tewksbury,	84	121
Dunstable,	14	18	Townsend,	54	45
Everett,	2,997	5,407	Tyngsborough,	21	51
Framingham,	1,269	754	Wakefield,	861	618
Groton,	154	154	Waltham,	856	2,145
Holliston,	171	147	Watertown,	1,002	759
Hopkinton,	243	135	Wayland,	152	130
Hudson,	592	384	Westford,	13	46
Lexington,	307	291	Weston,	42	48
Lincoln,	73	62	Wilmington,	140	135
Littleton,	25	49	Winchester,	461	681
Lowell,	9,792	8,505	Woburn,	2,027	3,472
Malden,	2,472	4,944			
Marlborough,	2,234	2,403	Totals,	42,454	60,560

County of Nantucket.

Nantucket,	276	174

[1] Question not submitted to voters.

[2] Biennial elections under chapter 98, Special Acts of 1919.

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County of Norfolk.

Cities and Towns.	Vote at Last Annual Meeting. Shall Licenses be granted?		Cities and Towns.	Vote at Last Annual Meeting. Shall Licenses be granted?	
	Yes.	No.		Yes.	No.
Avon,	83	53	Needham,	492	474
Bellingham,	56	53	Norfolk,	76	61
Braintree,	445	327	Norwood,	100	126
Brookline,	1,449	1,093	Plainville,	67	53
Canton,	495	233	Quincy,	3,831	7,646
Cohasset,	312	190	Randolph,	473	192
Dedham,	556	415	Sharon,	171	202
Dover,	50	28	Stoughton,	541	201
Foxborough,	223	182	Walpole,	361	209
Franklin,	461	240	Wellesley,	202	295
Holbrook,	219	147	Westwood,	82	90
Medfield,	166	85	Weymouth,	351	185
Medway,	64	68	Wrentham,	118	79
Millis,	39	29			
Milton,	573	266	Totals,	12,056	13,222

County of Plymouth.

Abington,	423	243	Mattapoisett,[1]	–	–
Bridgewater,	159	109	Middleborough,	445	386
Brockton,	8,686	9,837	Norwell,	91	62
Carver,	42	55	Pembroke,	40	27
Duxbury,	146	63	Plymouth,	586	302
East Bridgewater,	327	153	Plympton,	37	24
Halifax,	19	14	Rochester,[1]	–	–
Hanover,	58	57	Rockland,	772	393
Hanson,	53	58	Scituate,	280	192
Hingham,	192	92	Wareham,	264	202
Hull,	217	46	West Bridgewater,	116	106
Kingston,	71	45	Whitman,[1]	–	–
Lakeville,	16	29			
Marion,	51	85	Totals,	13,199	12,660
Marshfield,	108	80			

County of Suffolk.

Boston,	30,493	24,800	Winthrop,	730	789
Chelsea,	3,946	2,851			
Revere,	2,292	2,289	Totals,	37,461	30,729

County of Worcester.

Ashburnham,	101	104	Fitchburg,	4,706	4,943
Athol,	549	445	Gardner,	1,311	676
Auburn,	156	106	Grafton,	292	157
Barre,	144	89	Hardwick,	196	78
Berlin,	15	69	Harvard,	63	86
Blackstone,	16	1	Holden,	84	133
Bolton,	4	42	Hopedale,	5	33
Boylston,	34	55	Hubbardston,	34	31
Brookfield,	91	41	Lancaster,	53	48
Charlton,	83	62	Leicester,	309	139
Clinton,	1,358	621	Leominster,	983	1,330
Dana,	40	31	Lunenburg,	38	87
Douglas,	99	102	Mendon,	16	23
Dudley,	231	74	Milford,	1,137	421

[1] Question not submitted to voters.

Returns made by the Several City and Town Clerks to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, in the Year 1920, under the Requirements of Section 10, Chapter 100, Revised Laws — Concluded.

County of Worcester — Concluded.

Cities and Towns.	Vote at Last Annual Meeting. Shall Licenses be granted?		Cities and Towns.	Vote at Last Annual Meeting. Shall Licenses be granted?	
	Yes.	No.		Yes.	No.
Millbury,	452	227	Spencer,	575	288
Millville,	216	96	Sterling,	88	89
New Braintree,	19	21	Sturbridge,	57	64
North Brookfield,	162	83	Sutton,	114	80
Northborough,	89	126	Templeton,	142	81
Northbridge,	435	333	Upton,	97	112
Oakham,[1]	–	–	Uxbridge,	302	238
Oxford,	253	128	Warren,	252	157
Paxton,	23	19	Webster,	1,288	277
Petersham,	45	29	West Boylston,	6	47
Phillipston,	10	23	West Brookfield,	40	56
Princeton,	4	20	Westborough,	383	336
Royalston,	8	21	Westminster,	29	31
Rutland,	2	34	Winchendon,	461	256
Shrewsbury,	64	150	Worcester,	21,720	20,158
Southborough,	119	125			
Southbridge,	1,320	486	Totals,	40,923	34,218

Recapitulation.

Counties.	Vote at Last Annual Meeting. Shall Licenses be granted?		Counties.	Vote at Last Annual Meeting. Shall Licenses be granted?	
	Yes.	No.		Yes.	No.
Barnstable,	1,938	1,504	Middlesex,	42,454	60,560
Berkshire,	9,918	10,324	Nantucket,	276	174
Bristol,	31,581	24,435	Norfolk,	12,056	13,222
Dukes County,	226	221	Plymouth,	13,199	12,660
Essex,	37,317	39,598	Suffolk,	37,461	30,729
Franklin,	2,262	1,710	Worcester,	40,923	34,218
Hampden,	18,553	17,481			
Hampshire,	4,856	4,468	Totals,	253,020	251,304

[1] Question not submitted to voters.

SHERIFFS' RETURNS

1920

Abstracts of the Returns of the Sheriffs of the Several Counties of the Commonwealth for the Year ending September 30, 1920, in Compliance with the Revised Laws, Chapter 23, Section 21.

COUNTIES.	Amount of Money Received.					Number of Days' Attendance.			
	From County Treasurer.	From All Other Sources.	Totals.	For Fees in Civil Processes.	For Fees in Criminal Processes.	Upon the Court.	Upon County Commissioners.	Upon More than One Tribunal at Same Time.	Totals.
Barnstable,	$1,000 00	–	$1,000 00	–	$105 00	30	24	–	54
Berkshire,	2,300 00	–	2,300 00	–	–	63	14	4	81
Bristol,	–	–	–	–	5,371 40	175	31	20	226
Dukes County,	402 32	$331 40	733 72	$314 82	16 58	5	–	–	5
Essex,	4,194 32	8,531 22	12,725 54	–	–	147	–	94	241
Franklin,	1,529 90	230 00	1,759 90	–	–	46	–	–	46
Hampden,	3,833 26	3,150 00	6,983 26	–	–	296	12	66	374
Hampshire,	1,650 00	3,958 00	5,608 00	–	–	84	15	2	101
Middlesex,	4,500 00 [1]	13,171 19 [2]	17,671 19	–	–	1,121 [3]	–	177	1,121
Nantucket,	337 50 [1]	213 92 [4]	551 42	–	–	4	–	–	4
Norfolk,	3,866 64	2,087 00	5,953 64	–	2,087 00	176	–	22	198
Plymouth,	3,500 00	161 23 [5]	3,661 23	–	–	86	39	10	125
Suffolk,	4,000 00 [1]	38,028 39	42,028 39	–	–	2,570 [6]	–	–	2,570
Worcester,	4,100 00	16,094 79	20,194 79	–	–	195	–	145	340
Totals,	$35,213 94	$85,957 14	$121,171 08	$314 82	$7,579 98	4,998	135	540	5,486

[1] Salary, John R. Fairbairn; Joseph A. Johnson, Jr., $337.50; John A. Keliher, $3,000.

[2] Fines, criminal court.

[3] Supreme Court, 2; Superior Court, 667; probate, 452.

[4] Superior Court, October, 1919, $74.92; July, 1920, $139.

[5] Travel expenses.

[6] Superior Civil Court, first session, 165; second session, 127; third session, 173; fourth session, 171; fifth session, 169; sixth session, 171; seventh session, 167; eighth session, 172; ninth session, 19; divorce, 110; without jury, 40; equity motion, 301; equity merit, 174. Criminal court, first session, 247; second session, 134. Supreme Judicial Court, 230.

CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURT

1920

[Chapter 321, Acts of 1905]

Returns relative to the Trial of Cases in the Superior Court for the Year ending June 30, 1920.

COUNTIES.	No. of Jury Cases.	No. of Jury Waived Cases.	No. of Equity Suits pending at Beginning of Year.	No. of Each of Said Three Classes of Cases entered during the Year.			No. of Cases of Each Class actually tried during the Year.			No. of Cases of Each Class disposed of during the Year by Agreement of the Parties or by Order of the Court.			No. of Cases of Each Class remaining untried at the End of the Year.			No. of Cases wherein the Verdict of the Jury has been set aside by the Court on the Ground that it was excessive.	No. of Days during which the Court has sat for the Hearing of Each of Said Three Classes of Cases.		
				First Class.	Second Class.	Third Class.	First Class.	Second Class.	Third Class.	First Class.	Second Class.	Third Class.	First Class.	Second Class.	Third Class.		First Class.	Second Class.	Third Class.
Barnstable,	66	36	21	50	10	4	9	2	–	44	12	3	70	32	23	1	–	–	–
Berkshire,	172	128	68	91	66	16	23	8	–	109	58	10	131	128	74	–	32	11	–
Bristol,	859	302	239	508	188	94	69	21	39	372	158	113	995	332	220	–	106	28	10
Dukes County,	10	8	3	7	10	5	4	1	–	2	5	–	13	8	7	–	5	5	5
Essex,	1,942	355	335	891	283	176	198	62	8	796	212	109	1,906	442	409	–	351	68	17
Franklin,	211	102	147	68	27	16	33	3	8	38	7	10	122	74	121	–	28½	4[1]	1[1]
Hampden,	1,607	616	670	777	378	131	67	32	6	618	232	306	1,681	702	486	3	175	30	10
Hampshire,	129	65	64	63	41	9	18	–	–	57	33	5	116	77	53	–	33	12	–
Middlesex,	3,343	1,026	1,183	1,728	547	219	294	55	6	1,590	412	95	3,185	916	1,307	–	429	25	4
Nantucket,	4	–	–	4	–	–	1	–	–	1	3	–	4	2	–	–	2	2	2
Norfolk,	790	214	205	375	119	50	74	4	19	368	99	7	723	230	229[2]	1	126	16[3]	–
Plymouth,	316	417	180	246	382	26	51	216	6	138	178	8	373	405	192	–	81	27	1
Suffolk,	13,289	2,889	7,513	6,035	1,463	1,336	1,177	205	239[4]	4,501	921	645	14,823	3,431	8,204	3	1,222	118	174
Worcester,	1,282	425	364	947	334	126	130	53	42	550	221	21	1,549	485	427	–	155	45	22
Totals,	24,020	6,583	10,992	11,790	3,848	2,208	2,148	662	373	9,184	2,551	1,332	25,691	7,264	11,752	8	2,745½	391	246

[1] Number of hours.

[2] Including 29 tried, but pending for judgment.

[3] Second and Third Classes, not including 118 divorce libels heard.

[4] Two hundred being Suffolk cases, not including divorce cases tried in Equity Merit Session.

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Office of the Secretary, Jan. 5, 1922.

To the Honorable Senate
and the House of Representatives.

I have the honor to submit, in compliance with General Laws, chapter 9, section 17, the annual report of the transactions of this office for the year ending Nov. 30, 1921, including the votes of the cities and towns on the question of granting licenses for the sale of certain non-intoxicating beverages; the returns of the sheriffs of the several counties of money received by them, and of their attendance upon a court of record and the county commissioners; a report showing the aggregate vote, both affirmative and negative, on every act or part of an act which shall have been referred by the General Court for acceptance or rejection to the voters of the Commonwealth or of any part thereof, or to the city council of any city, during the calendar year 1921; and a record of the work of this Department in respect to public records under chapter 66 of the General Laws.

There are also presented, in compliance with General Laws, chapter 221, section 24, abstract and tabular statements of the returns of the clerks of the Superior Court for the several counties, and the clerk of the Superior Court for civil business in the county of Suffolk; of the number of jury cases, of jury-waived cases and of equity suits pending at the beginning of the year; of the number of each of said three classes of cases entered during the year; of the number of cases of each class actually tried during the year; of the number of cases of each class disposed of during the year by agreement of the parties or by order of the court; of the number of cases of each class remaining untried at the end of the year; of the number of cases wherein the verdict of the jury has been set aside by the court on the ground that it is excessive; and of the number of days during which the court has sat in each county for the hearing of each of said three classes of cases.

Receipts and Expenditures.

The following table shows, in detail, the receipts from fees, etc., all of which were paid into the treasury daily, and quarterly reports thereof made to the Governor and Council, as required by General Laws, chapter 9, section 1: —

Commissions		$23,230 00
Corporations		463,169 94
Limited partnerships		28 00
Sale of books, etc.		6,777 25
Sale of Bradford Histories		862 00
Sale of Blue Books		792 15
Labels, trade-marks, etc.		4,300 00
Interest		92 12
Certificates		1,441 00
Military records		175 20
Copies		9,068 83
Miscellaneous: —		
Vital statistics	$253 00	
Advance sheets	508 00	
		761 00
		$510,697 49

The total expenses for salaries and incidentals during the year were $119,507.32, from which it appears that there was turned into the treasury of the Commonwealth $391,190.17 over the office expenses.

Commissions.

The number of commissions issued during the year ending Nov. 30, 1921, was 4,955 (a decrease of 339 over the preceding year), of which 309 were without fee and 130 became void by reason of the failure of the appointees to take out the commissions or to qualify thereunder. The different classes were as follows: —

Notaries public	2,870
Justices of the peace	1,612
Special district police officers	28
Special commissioners	86
Trustees, commissioners, etc.	159
Public warehousemen	31
Justices of the peace to solemnize marriages	35

Public administrators	5
Masters in chancery	12
Medical examiners	10
Clerks, municipal, police and district courts	18
Commissioners in other States	10
Justices and special justices, municipal, police and district courts	15
Associate medical examiners	12
Justices of the peace to issue warrants and take bail	8
Trial justices	5
Commissioners to qualify public officers	10
Commissioners in foreign countries	3
Sheriffs	1
Associate justices, Superior Court	3
Ballot Law Commissioners	1
Licensing Board, City of Boston	1
Board of Excise, City of Chelsea	1
Board of Police, City of Fall River	1
Commissioner of Savings Bank Life Insurance	1
Finance Commissioner, City of Boston	1
Judge of probate and insolvency	1
Pilots	8
Special judge of probate and insolvency	1
District attorney	1
Pilot commissioners	2
Port warden	1
Secretary to Governor	1
Assistant secretary to Governor	1
	4,955

Certificates to the number of 6,635 were issued. Fees were remitted for 5,764.

Corporations.

(Rooms 335B, 337, 340A, 340B, 340C.)

The total number of certificates of incorporation issued under general laws to new corporations for the fiscal year ending Nov. 30, 1921, was 2,754, — a decrease of 617 as compared with the fiscal year ending Nov. 30, 1920. They were classified as follows: —

Trading corporations (under chapter 437, Acts of 1903, and General Laws, chapter 156, section 12)	2,342
Religious, charitable, social, educational, musical, athletic, etc., corporations (under Revised Laws, chapter 125, section 6, and General Laws, chapter 180, section 3)	322

Fraternal beneficiary corporations (under chapter 628, Acts of 1911, and General Laws, chapter 176, section 9)	34
Churches (under Revised Laws, chapter 36, section 51, and General Laws, chapter 67, section 51)	18
Credit unions (under chapter 268, General Acts of 1915, and General Laws, chapter 171, section 3)	24
Co-operative banks (under chapter 623, Acts of 1912, and General Laws, chapter 170, section 5)	4
Trust company (under chapter 374, Acts of 1904, and General Laws, chapter 172, section 10)	1
Insurance companies (under chapter 576, Acts of 1907, and General Laws, chapter 175, section 49)	4

The number of miscellaneous certificates filed and recorded was 17,112, — an increase of 74 as compared with the fiscal year ending Nov. 30, 1920. Of these, 12,147 were certificates of condition of Massachusetts corporations (under Revised Laws, chapter 110, section 51; section 45, chapter 437, Acts of 1903; section 65, chapter 742, Acts of 1914; General Laws, chapter 158, section 37, and chapter 156, section 47); 2,342 were articles of organization of trading corporations (under chapter 437, Acts of 1903, and General Laws, chapter 156, section 12); 322 were certificates of religious, charitable, social and other organizations (under Revised Laws, chapter 125, and General Laws, chapter 180); 875 were certificates of issue of capital stock of trading corporations (under section 14, chapter 437, Acts of 1903, and General Laws, chapter 156, sections 16 and 17), and the others were distributed among 27 different classes.

The number of miscellaneous certificates filed and not recorded was 2,295, of which 1,917 were certificates of condition of foreign corporations (under Revised Laws, chapter 126; section 66, chapter 437, Acts of 1903; General Laws, chapter 181, section 12), and the others were divided among 8 other classes.

There were issued 32 certificates of change of name of corporations (under chapter 163, Acts of 1908; chapter 205, General Acts of 1915; General Laws, chapter 155, section 10, and chapter 180, section 11).

Returns were received of the dissolution of 53 corporations by the Supreme Judicial and Superior Courts.

Under the act relating to the incorporation of clubs, charters were refused in 17 cases.

Details of all these statistics appear in the Abstract of the Certificates of Corporations, published by this office (Public Document No. 10).

Limited partnership certificates to the number of 24 were filed and recorded.

In the Corporation Division, 2,960 certified copies of the records and certificates were supplied, — a decrease of 1,500 as compared with the fiscal year ending Nov. 30, 1920.

Labels, Trade-marks, etc.

(Room 337.)

By Revised Laws, chapter 72, section 7, and General Laws, chapter 110, section 8, which relate to the adoption and registration of labels, trade-marks, stamps and forms of advertisement, the duty is placed upon the Secretary of the Commonwealth of receiving, filing and recording such labels, etc., and of issuing and recording certificates of record. Under this law, labels, trade-marks, stamps and forms of advertisement were received, and certificates of record issued and recorded, in 173 cases.

Under chapter 618 of the Acts of 1920, and General Laws, chapter 110, section 8, which provide for the assignment of labels, trade-marks, stamps and forms of advertisement, one assignment was received, and a certificate of registration issued and recorded.

Insignia of Societies and Labor Unions.

(Room 337.)

Chapter 335, Acts of 1904, and General Laws, chapter 110, section 9, provide for the registration in this office of the insignia, ribbons, badges, rosettes, buttons and emblems of societies, associations and labor unions. One registration was received, which has been included with the number of labels above given, under Revised Laws, chapter 72, section 7, and General Laws, chapter 110, section 8.

Marks and Devices on Cans, etc.

(Room 337.)

By Revised Laws, chapter 72, section 15, and General Laws, chapter 110, section 17, which provide for the protection of owners of cans, bottles, boxes, siphons and fountains used in the sale of soda water, mineral and aerated waters, ale, beer, ginger ale or similar beverages, it is made the duty of the Secretary of the Commonwealth to receive and file descriptions of marks, devices, etc., and under this law 16 such descriptions were received and filed. Under Revised Laws, chapter 72, section 19, and General Laws, chapter 110, section 21, protecting dealers and consumers against the unlawful use and destruction of milk cans, jugs, bottles or jars, 44 descriptions of marks, devices, etc., were received and filed.

Certain Fees of Business Corporations.

A recommendation was made in the Secretary's report of last year with regard to the amount of fees paid this office upon the filing of certain certificates by business corporations under chapter 156 of the General Laws relative to the increase of shares of authorized capital stock without par value.

While the matter was under consideration in the General Court, a decision was rendered by the Supreme Judicial Court in certain cases against the practice of assessing said fees under the existing law, as a result of which certain fees paid are to be refunded to certain corporations. To remedy the situation, I renew the recommendation of last year, that the law be amended as it is practised in similar cases in the States of Alabama, Delaware, Illinois, Kansas, Maine, Maryland, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Utah and Virginia.

Filing and Recording Corporation Papers.

The law now requires that certain papers filed in this office shall also be recorded. Such recording entails much clerical work and a large number of additional volumes, which occupy needed space. The papers after filing are sufficiently safe and available for public use without additional recording. I there-

fore suggest, in the interest of economy, legislation providing that the act of filing be deemed and taken to be recorded within the meaning of the statute requiring such record to be made.

Vital Statistics Division.

(Room 334.)

Under the provisions of General Laws, chapter 46, the returns of births and marriages in the various cities and towns for the year 1920, which were received in 1921, cover 91,859 births and 38,048 marriages, an increase, as compared with the returns of 1919, of 4,032 births and 3,719 marriages.

Under the provisions of the same law, 53,632 certified copies of records of deaths were received from Jan. 1, 1920, to Dec. 31, 1920, an increase of 1,287 compared with the returns of 1919.

The medical examiners' returns for 1920 cover 6,276 cases, an increase of 92 as compared with the returns of 1919.

The returns by the clerks of the courts of the decrees of divorce for 1920 number 4,376, an increase of 1,255 as compared with the returns of 1919.

These figures are compiled, analyzed and presented fully in the annual registration report for 1920 (Public Document No. 1).

During the year 1,038 certificates of birth, 488 certificates of marriage and 368 certificates of death were issued, a total of 1,894. Fees received from these certificates amounted to $253.

Solemnization of Marriages.

There have frequently been brought to my attention cases not only of sincere misunderstanding, but of wilful abuse of the laws relating to the solemnization of marriages, and I respectfully suggest the advisability of requiring ministers of the Gospel, rabbis of the Israelitish faith, Friends and Quakers to be registered before performing the marriage ceremony.

Cremation and Burial of Human Bodies.

The law relating to the cremation and burial of human bodies provides for cremation by any corporation authorized to cremate bodies of the dead. I am informed that there have been

cases of human bodies being disposed of otherwise than by cremation or burial, and I recommend an amendment to the law, prohibiting the disposal of a human body otherwise than by cremation or burial.

Archives Division.

(Room 438.)

The number of visitors during the year was 4,506; written inquiries for military records, 649; historical and miscellaneous subjects, 332; certificates of military service issued, 172; copies of legislative records and manuscripts typewritten, 171; copies of manuscripts, maps and other material for various officials, corporations and individuals, by photostat, 19,351; copies of soldiers' discharges, by photostat, 60; volumes of the archives reproduced in negative photostat, 8, some 5,640 sheets; volumes of the archives bound, 0; volumes of the archives card index completed, 3; volumes of the archives for which name indices are being prepared, 7; volumes of the archives for which new tables of contents have been prepared, 1; volumes of the archives rebound, 0; amount of fees received for military records, $175.20; for copies, typewritten, $166.40, photostat, $3,456.49, totaling $3,798.09.

Province Laws.

Volume XXI, the last of the series, containing Resolves, etc., 1779–80, and Town Chapters, 1692–1714, given by title only in volumes VII, VIII and IX, has been plated and printed, and will shortly be distributed, completing a work begun in 1866.

Reproduction of the Archives.

This work has been proceeding more rapidly since suitable quarters have been obtained, but is held back by the necessary use of the machines in copying papers from the Corporation Division and for other State departments, institutions and individuals. Some 13 volumes of the archives, making 38 volumes as bound, are now in the binders' hands and soon will be in use.

Rebinding the Archives.

Of the 326 volumes in the archives proper, 105 have been rebound since 1905, and at present 35 volumes are more or less in need of attention and some 15 need rebinding badly. Owing to the Emery Record Preserving Company being unable to accept the work when offered it during the past year, no rebinding has been done, but arrangements have been made so that early in the year those most needing attention can be rebound. Many of the volumes require rebacking only, and this can be done in the Division without taking them from the building.

Use of the Archives.

It becomes more and more evident that the general public has little idea of the contents of the archives, particularly the map collection of 5,000 items, including two series of town maps, on a uniform scale, made in 1794 and 1830, deposited here pursuant to law. The only information available is the report of the commissioners on the condition of the records, etc., in the Secretary's Department, 1885; report of Andrew McFarland Davis on the public archives of Massachusetts made to the American Historical Association, 1900; and "The Massachusetts Archives" in the American Antiquarian Society's Proceedings, April, 1921.

House Journals, 1715–80.

During the year Volumes I and II of the House Journals of Massachusetts, 1715–80, as reprinted by the Massachusetts Historical Society, have been distributed by the Document Division, under authority of chapter 413, Acts of 1920, and chapter 170, Acts of 1921. After a careful canvass of all the libraries, colleges and historical societies entitled to them under said acts, copies have been issued to those desiring them, and at the most, 300 copies will fill all the State's needs. I suggest, with the consent of the Massachusetts Historical Society, that the said acts be amended to read "300" instead of "500" copies.

Vital Records.

The same conditions hold in the distribution of vital records under chapter 562, Acts of 1920, chapter 171, Acts of 1921, and pending legislation. More than thirty of the town libraries already have refused to accept them for lack of space or use, and I suggest legislation making the number to be purchased or printed 300 instead of 500.

Gifts.

During the past year some 26 Revolutionary muster rolls, accounts, returns, etc., have been presented by Prof. Raphael Pumpelly of Newport, R. I., and the commission of Lieut. Benjamin Ropes, Jr., of Salem, dated June 21, 1777, has been given by Mr. James Ropes of Tunkhannock, Pa.

Public Document Division.

(Room 118.)

There were 99,325 volumes of the Public Document series, representing 87 different reports of the several State departments, boards and commissions, printed under the direction of the Secretary during the year 1921. In addition to the above there were printed 26 supplemental publications connected with the departmental reports.

These various documents contained (exclusive of maps, charts, half tones, etc.) 15,544 pages of text in cloth and paper bindings.

The cost of printing and binding the above publications was $76,950.03. The cost of the series for the year previous was $74,347.86.

The most voluminous report, Public Document No. 10, Abstract of the Certificates of Corporations, totaled 1,216 pages, and the edition of 1,500 copies cost $10,978.65. The smallest document was that of the Chelsea Excise Board, Public Document No. 133, consisting of 4 pages and costing $9.22 for publication.

The cost for printing and binding the Manual for the General Court was $5,663.19; the Journal of the Senate, $2,560.62; and the House Journal, $3,049.44.

In addition to the Public Document series, the publications enumerated below were distributed through this Division: 20,000 copies of the pamphlet edition of the session laws; 11,500 copies of the bound edition of the session laws, commonly called the Blue Book; 13,500 copies of the Manual for the General Court; 750 copies each of the Senate and House Journals, total, 1,500 copies; 453 copies each of the Term Reports, Nos. 234 and 235, total 906 copies; 500 copies of the Table of Changes in the Revised Laws, 1920; 750 copies of the Fifty-fourth Annual Encampment, Department of Massachusetts, G. A. R.; 1,000 copies of the Proceedings of the Twenty-first Annual Encampment, Department of Massachusetts, U. S. W. V., 1920; 500 copies of the Executive Council report on the return of votes for State officers, 1920; 15,000 copies of the Acts and Resolves passed at an extra session of the Legislature, 1920; 700 copies each of the Senate and House Journals, extra session, 1920, total, 1,400 copies; 1,000 copies of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; 500 copies of the Report of Cases under the Workmen's Compensation Act determined on appeal by the Supreme Judicial Court, Sept. 11, 1919, to Dec. 1, 1920, being Bulletin No. 21 of the Industrial Accident Board; 500 copies of the Journals of the House of Representatives, Vol. 2, 1718–20; 3,000 copies of the Report of the Joint Special Committee on Consolidating and Arranging the General Laws; 3,000 copies of Amendments to the Report of the Joint Special Committee on Consolidating and Arranging the General Laws; 1,000 copies of the Proceedings of the Electoral College of Massachusetts, 1921; 2,000 copies of the Messages to the General Court, Official Addresses, Proclamations and State Papers of His Excellency, Governor Calvin Coolidge, 1919 and 1920; 3,000 copies of the Population of Massachusetts, 1920; 1,000 copies of Bradford's History of Plimoth Plantation; 3,000 copies of the Temporary Index to the General Laws; 8,000 copies of a Condensed Summary of Laws relative to Innholders and Common Victuallers; 1,000 copies of the Annual Proceedings, The American Legion, Department of Massachusetts, 1920; 7,000 copies of the General Laws relating to Primaries, Caucuses and Elections, including legislation of 1921; 3,000 copies each of Parts 1, 2, 3 and 4 of

the General Laws relating to Primaries, Caucuses and Elections, including legislation of 1921; 500 copies of New England in France, 1917–19, — making a grand total of 223,381 volumes that have passed through this Division during the year.

Changes made during the past year in the methods of receiving and issuing State publications have resulted in a more efficient handling of the work assigned to this Division.

Obsolete and duplicate publications have been disposed of as provided by statute, and the Document Division storerooms rearranged so that the somewhat limited storage space may be used to the best advantage. These changes were made without disturbing the routine work of the Division, and at little cost. The old shelving was remodeled and used over again, and the labor, except for the necessary services of a carpenter, was performed without the hiring of additional help.

Chapter 5, General Laws, provides that there shall be printed annually 11,500 copies of the Blue Book, and 20,000 copies of the pamphlet edition of the Acts and Resolves. As the demand for these publications does not equal the supply in either case, I recommend that the above chapter be amended to provide for a number of Blue Books to be printed annually not to exceed 11,500 copies, and a number of the pamphlet edition of the Acts and Resolves not to exceed 20,000 copies, the Secretary of the Commonwealth to determine the number required each year.

Division of the Census.

(Room 256.)

General Laws, chapter 138, section 14, provides for the taking of a census of the temporary or summer residents in certain towns to determine the number of licenses which may be issued therein for the sale of certain non-intoxicating beverages. In accordance with said provisions a special census of the temporary or summer residents of the town of Hull was taken in June, 1921, and a report of the census was filed with the selectmen of the town on June 28, 1921.

Under the supervision of the Secretary of the Commonwealth the State Census Director has general charge of the purchase of paper used in the execution of the contract for State printing. The director keeps a record of all orders, stock and cost

accounting classified by departments, and a financial account classified by firms, and kinds of paper purchased. Tests of the paper purchased are made from time to time to ascertain if the quality is as good as the samples submitted and accepted by the experts.

Division of Public Records.

(Room 254.)

Inspections.

Inspections of the care, custody, condition and protection against fire of the public records of the departments and offices of the counties, cities and towns have been made during the year 1921 in the following 193 places: — Abington, Acushnet, Adams, Agawam, Amesbury, Amherst, Andover, Arlington, Ashland, Auburn, Ayer, Becket, Bedford, Belchertown, Belmont, Bernardston, Beverly, Billerica, Boxford, Boylston, Bridgewater, Brimfield, Brockton, Brookfield, Brookline, Buckland, Canton, Carlisle, Charlemont, Charlton, Chelmsford, Chelsea, Cheshire, Chester, Chicopee, Chilmark, Clarksburg, Clinton, Colrain, Concord, Conway, Dalton, Danvers, Dartmouth, Dedham, Deerfield, Douglas, Dover, Dracut, Dudley, Dunstable, Duxbury, East Bridgewater, East Brookfield, East Longmeadow, Easthampton, Edgartown, Erving, Everett, Fairhaven, Framingham, Gay Head, Georgetown, Gill, Gloucester, Gosnold, Grafton, Granby, Groton, Groveland, Hadley, Hampden, Hancock, Hanover, Hardwick, Haverhill, Hinsdale, Holden, Holliston, Holyoke, Hopkinton, Huntington, Ipswich, Lanesborough, Lawrence, Lee, Leicester, Lenox, Lexington, Lincoln, Littleton, Longmeadow, Lowell, Ludlow, Marion, Marlborough, Marshfield, Mattapoisett, Medfield, Medford, Merrimac, Methuen, Middleton, Millbury, Millis, Monson, Montague, Montgomery, Nantucket, Needham, New Ashford, New Bedford, Newbury, Newburyport, Newton, North Adams, Northampton, North Andover, North Brookfield, Northborough, Northbridge, Norwood, Oak Bluffs, Oakham, Orange, Otis, Oxford, Palmer, Paxton, Pepperell, Peru, Pittsfield, Revere, Richmond, Rockland, Rockport, Rowley, Russell, Rutland, Salisbury, Savoy, Shelburne, Shrewsbury, South Hadley, Southampton, Southborough, Southbridge, Southwick, Spencer, Springfield, Sterling, Stockbridge, Sturbridge, Sunderland,

Sutton, Tewksbury, Tisbury, Topsfield, Tyngsborough, Tyringham, Upton, Uxbridge, Wales, Waltham, Ware, Wareham, Warren, Washington, Watertown, Webster, Wellesley, Wenham, West Boylston, West Bridgewater, West Brookfield, West Newbury, West Springfield, West Stockbridge, West Tisbury, Westborough, Westfield, Westford, Westhampton, Weston, Westport, Westwood, Whately, Whitman, Wilbraham, Williamstown, Windsor, Winthrop, Worcester.

These inspections made by the Supervisor, under the provisions of General Laws, chapter 66, section 1, show the necessity of thorough examination of the vaults and safes in which public records are kept, if the safekeeping of the records is to be assured. In one instance the Supervisor found a vault, containing public records, to be so damp that water was dripping from the ceiling and actually standing on the floor. The record books were so wet that they were coming to pieces and in danger of destruction. Moreover, two large holes had been made through the walls of the vault, which openings, of course, destroy its usefulness as a protective receptacle against fire.

In several other cases vaults were found the doors of which could not be locked, or even closed, owing to the combinations of the locks being broken or out of order, so that the records in those vaults were practically unprotected.

Several instances also were found in which record books were kept entirely without fireproof protection of any sort. In all these instances strong representations were made by the Supervisor to the responsible officials, regarding their duty to have these violations of law remedied.

New Town Halls.

No new town halls have been occupied during the year, but in Gardner work has begun on the foundations of an edifice which is to serve as a memorial to the veterans of the World War and for a town hall. As the present town hall building has been condemned by a State building inspector, and vacated by the town departments, the new edifice doubtless will be hurried to completion.

In Dover work has begun on a new town hall.

In Blandford and also in Granville new town halls are con-

templated, bequests of land for the sites having been received and appropriations made for the buildings, in addition to private gifts and subscriptions.

In Ipswich the town hall, damaged by fire last year, has been repaired and repainted and is now in good condition.

In Spencer alterations and repairs are being made on the town hall building.

Repairing and Binding.

Records have been repaired and rebound during the year for the towns of South Hadley, West Stockbridge and Leverett, and for the registries of deeds at Boston and Plymouth; also maps and plans mounted and bound for the registries of deeds at Worcester, Pittsfield, Plymouth, New Bedford, Lowell and Northampton.

Fires.

On May 1, 1921, fire badly damaged the Tribune Building at Framingham, in which were the town offices, but none of the records sustained any damage. The town offices have been removed into a former schoolhouse, where good protection is afforded for the public records.

An old church building in Georgetown, which had been given to the town for use as a town hall and offices, was burned, but the new vault in the building was not injured and no records ever had been kept in the vault or the building.

On Aug. 28, 1921, the town hall in Plainville was damaged about $8,000 by fire, but the records were in the town office in the high school building and received no damage.

Typewriter Ribbons and Stamping Pads.

No additional typewriter ribbons or stamping pads have been approved during the year.

Rules and Regulations of State Departments.

By chapter 30, section 37, General Laws, certain rules and regulations of departments, commissions, boards or officials vested by law with the power to make and issue rules and regulations general in scope, and to be observed or performed under penalty for the violation thereof, shall not take effect

until attested copies thereof have been filed with the Secretary of the Commonwealth. Under this law rules and regulations were filed by the following departments and commission during the year 1921: —

Department of Civil Service and Registration.
Department of Conservation.
Department of Labor and Industries.
Department of Public Health.
Department of Public Safety.
Department of Public Works.
Metropolitan District Commission.

Changes of Names of Persons.

The returns of 1,381 names, changed in 1920 as decreed by the several probate courts, were received and filed in compliance with the requirements of General Laws, chapter 210, section 12.

Returns under the Lobby Act.

Under what is known as the Lobby Act (General Laws, chapter 3, sections 39 to 50, inclusive), 369 entries were made upon the dockets of legislative counsel and agents, — an increase of 11 as compared with 1920. Returns were received at this office covering 364 of these entries. Of those received it became the duty of the Secretary to transmit 21 to the Attorney-General for his information, 8 appearing to be irregular or defective, and 13 being received after the expiration of the time limit. The 5 cases of delinquency were reported to the Attorney-General, as required by law.

The total amount returned to this office as having been paid on account of the employment of legislative counsel and agents was $131,202.71, in addition to which annual salaries or retainers, unapportioned, were reported to the amount of $75,860.

Proclamations.

The proclamations of His Excellency the Governor for the observance of Lincoln Day, Arbor and Bird Day, Flag Day and Thanksgiving Day were printed and distributed under the direction of this office.

Of the Lincoln Day proclamations 11,500 were given public distribution to the schools, churches, institutions, patriotic societies, postmasters and city and town clerks. Of the Arbor and Bird Day proclamations 10,500 were mailed to the schools, granges, agricultural societies, churches, institutions, postmasters and city and town clerks. Flag Day proclamations to the number of 11,000 were mailed to the schools, postmasters, patriotic societies, churches, institutions and city and town clerks, and 10,500 Thanksgiving Day proclamations were sent to the churches, schools, postmasters and city and town clerks.

In addition to the above, proclamations were printed and distributed as follows: For Fire Prevention Day, October 10, 5,000 copies were printed and distributed by the State Fire Marshal. For the observance of Armistice Day, November 11, by silent prayer of thanks and for the blessing of God on the Conference of Limitation of Armaments, 12,000 copies were printed and distributed to the schools, postmasters, patriotic societies, churches, institutions and city and town clerks.

Proclamations were also issued to the press by the Governor as follows: National Thrift Week, January 14; Be Kind to Animals Week, April 7; Forest Protection and Fire Prevention Week, May 14; declaring Armistice Day a holiday in conformity with the suggestion in the proclamation of President Harding, based on a resolution of the Congress of the United States, November 7; concerning the visit of M. le Maréchal Foch to the Commonwealth November 9, and the observance of American Education Week, November 30.

Pardons, Requisitions, etc.

The number of pardons made out and issued during the year was 6, all of which were issued under parole conditions; commutation from sentence, 1; remander to State Prison, 1; requisitions upon other States, 189; upon Secretary of the Navy of the United States, 1; upon Secretary of War of the United States, 1; extradition requests upon foreign countries, 4; and warrants issued upon requisition from other States, 35.

Naturalization Returns.

Under the provisions of General Laws, chapter 220, section 19, returns were received of the naturalization of 4,373 persons before the various courts of the Commonwealth during the year 1920, an increase of 2,184 as compared with the returns for 1919. These returns were indexed and bound in convenient form for reference, as required by law.

Indexes to Acts and Resolves.

The attention of the General Court is respectfully called to what appears an unnecessary duplication in the details connected with the publication of the Acts and Resolves. The Cumulative Index to the Acts and Resolves, published under authority of General Laws, chapter 5, section 5, has been prepared in this Department at the request of the House chairman of the committee on rules, while the index published with the Acts and Resolves is prepared under the direction of the rules committee of the Senate and House under the provisions of General Laws, chapter 3, section 51. I suggest the advisability of the preparation of a single index which can be begun early in the session, to be in parts as the Cumulative Index, and to be completed by the time the text of the Acts and Resolves is ready for publication, thereby insuring a much earlier issue of the volume.

Standardization of Certain Salaries.

I recommend that the salaries of the Chief of the Archives Division, the State Registrar of Vital Statistics, and the Commission Clerk in this Department, now otherwise regulated by law, shall hereafter be determined under the provisions of General Laws, chapter 30, sections 45 to 50, inclusive.

Miscellaneous.

As required by General Laws, chapter 96, section 6, the Director of Standards is required annually to make a return to the Commissioner of Labor and Industries of the various kinds and quantities of lumber surveyed by his surveyors during the

preceding fiscal year, giving the names of the surveyors and the amount of fees collected in each case. This return was previously filed in this office by the Surveyor-General of Lumber.

The four reports from this office which form a part of the Public Document series, namely, Return of Births, Marriages and Deaths (Public Document No. 1), Abstract of Certificates of Corporations (Public Document No. 10), Returns of Assessed Polls, Registered Voters and Persons who Voted, etc. (Public Document No. 43), and Information relative to Voluntary Associations Owning or Controlling Public Service Corporations (Public Document No. 101), have been made, as required by law.

FREDERIC W. COOK,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

RETURNS OF VOTES

ON

QUESTIONS OF ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF CERTAIN ACTS PASSED BY THE GENERAL COURT

1921

Returns from Cities and Towns relative to Action taken under Certain Provisions of the General Law.

When received.	City or Town.	Subject and Reference.	Action.	Date of Action.
1921.				
Jan. 6	Beverly	Amateur athletic outdoor sports or games permitted on Lord's Day, 1920, 240	Accepted	Dec. 14, 1920
Jan. 6	Beverly	Permitting boxing exhibitions, 1920, 619	Accepted	Dec. 14, 1920
Jan. 8	Cambridge	Amateur athletic outdoor sports or games permitted on Lord's Day, 1920, 240	Accepted	Dec. 7, 1920
Jan. 8	Cambridge	Permitting boxing exhibitions, 1920, 619	Accepted	Dec. 7, 1920
Jan. 11	Richmond	Elections (ballot town), 1913, 835, § 432	Accepted	Feb. 19, 1920
Jan. 17	Groton	Amateur athletic outdoor sports or games permitted on Lord's Day, 1920, 240	Accepted	July 13, 1920
Jan. 18	North Andover	Amateur athletic outdoor sports or games permitted on Lord's Day, 1920, 240	Accepted	June 2, 1920
Jan. 20	Maynard	Amateur athletic outdoor sports or games permitted on Lord's Day, 1920, 240	Accepted	June 16, 1920
Jan. 21	Webster	Amateur athletic outdoor sports or games permitted on Lord's Day, 1920, 240	Accepted	May 3, 1920
Jan. 21	Webster	Permitting boxing exhibitions, 1920, 619	Accepted	Nov. 2, 1920
Jan. 25	Natick	Amateur athletic outdoor sports or games permitted on Lord's Day, 1920, 240	Accepted	June 8, 1920
Jan. 26	Chatham	Amateur athletic outdoor sports or games permitted on Lord's Day, 1920, 240	Accepted	July 20, 1920
Feb. 2	Framingham	Amateur athletic outdoor sports or games permitted on Lord's Day, 1920, 240	Accepted	May 12, 1920
Feb. 10	Harvard	Amateur athletic outdoor sports or games permitted on Lord's Day, 1920, 240	Accepted	Feb. 7, 1921
Feb. 10	Great Barrington	Amateur athletic outdoor sports or games permitted on Lord's Day, 1920, 240	Accepted	June 2, 1920
Feb. 10	Malden	Division of wards into precincts, 1913, 835, § 217	Accepted	Feb. 1, 1921
Feb. 12	New Bedford	Division of wards into precincts, G. L. 54, § 10	Accepted	Feb. 11, 1921
Feb. 15	Bolton	Prevention of fires outside Metropolitan Fire Prevention District, 1920, 436	Accepted	Feb. 7, 1921
Feb. 18	Charlton	Prevention of fires outside Metropolitan Fire Prevention District, 1920, 436	Accepted	Feb. 7, 1921
Feb. 23	Northbridge	Division of town into precincts, G. L. 54, § 6	Accepted	Feb. 12, 1921
Mar. 1	Hull	Pay for city and town employees who enlist in the service of the United States, 1917, 254 (General Acts)	Accepted	Mar. 4, 1918
Mar. 1	Hull	Contribution to cost of service by the Eastern Massachusetts Street Railway Company, 1919, 247 (Special Acts)	Accepted	Mar. 13, 1920
Mar. 1	Tewksbury	Amateur athletic outdoor sports or games permitted on Lord's Day, 1920, 240	Rejected	Dec. 15, 1920
Mar. 1	Tewksbury	Establishment of fire department, 1920, 591, § 27	Accepted	Dec. 15, 1920
Mar. 2	Dracut	Holding of annual town meetings, G. L. 39, § 23	Accepted	Feb. 7, 1921

Returns from Cities and Towns relative to Action taken under Certain Provisions of the General Law — Concluded.

When received.	City or Town.	Subject and Reference.	Action.	Date of Action.
1921.				
Mar. 4	Uxbridge	Division of town into precincts, G. L. 54, § 6	Accepted	Jan. 5, 1921
Mar. 4	Uxbridge	Precinct voting in town elections, G. L. 39, § 20	Accepted	Feb. 18, 1921
Mar. 7	Needham	Prevention of fires outside Metropolitan Fire Prevention District, 1920, 436	Accepted	June 30, 1920
Mar. 9	Canton	Two-platoon system for fire department, G. L. 48, § 59	Rejected	Mar. 7, 1921
Mar. 9	Acton	Amateur athletic outdoor sports or games permitted on Lord's Day, 1920, 240	Rejected	Mar. 7, 1921
Mar. 11	Marion	Pensions for foremen, etc., 1920, 179 (G. L. 32, §§ 77–79)	Rejected	Mar. 8, 1921
Mar. 11	Marion	Payment to municipal employees who served in the World War of the difference between their military and municipal compensation, 1920, 235	Rejected	Mar. 8, 1921
Mar. 11	Marion	Amateur athletic outdoor sports or games permitted on Lord's Day, 1920, 240	Rejected	Mar. 8, 1921
Mar. 11	Marion	Permitting boxing exhibitions, 1920, 619	Rejected	Mar. 8, 1921
Mar. 11	Marion	Prevention of fires outside Metropolitan Fire Prevention District, 1920, 436	Accepted	Mar. 8, 1921
Mar. 14	Boston	Payment to county employees who served in the World War of the difference between their military and county compensation, 1921, 38	Accepted	Mar. 11, 1921
Mar. 16	Bellingham	Pension for foremen, etc., 1920, 179 (G. L. 32, §§ 77–79)	Rejected	Mar. 7, 1921
Mar. 16	Bellingham	Payment to municipal employees who served in the World War of the difference between their military and municipal compensation, 1920, 235	Accepted	Mar. 7, 1921
Mar. 16	Bellingham	Amateur athletic outdoor sports or games permitted on Lord's Day, 1920, 240	Accepted	Mar. 7, 1921
Mar. 16	Bellingham	Prevention of fires outside Metropolitan Fire Prevention District, 1920, 436	Accepted	Mar. 7, 1921
Mar. 16	Bellingham	Changes in town laws, 1920, 591	Accepted	Mar. 7, 1921
Mar. 16	Bellingham	Permitting boxing exhibitions, 1920, 619	Accepted	Mar. 7, 1921
Mar. 21	Spencer	Amateur athletic outdoor sports or games permitted on Lord's Day, 1920, 240	Accepted	Mar. 7, 1921
Mar. 21	Canton	Amateur athletic outdoor sports or games permitted on Lord's Day, 1920, 240	Accepted	Mar. 10, 1921
Mar. 22	Dover	Amateur athletic outdoor sports or games permitted on Lord's Day, 1920, 240	Accepted	Mar. 14, 1921
Mar. 22	Westwood	Amateur athletic outdoor sports or games permitted on Lord's Day, 1920, 240	Rejected	Mar. 14, 1921
Mar. 22	Westwood	Prevention of fires outside Metropolitan Fire Prevention District, 1920, 436	Rejected	Mar. 14, 1921
Mar. 25	Nahant	Pensions for police and firemen, G. L. 30, § 85 (1904, 327)	Accepted	Mar. 19, 1921
Mar. 26	Hingham	Prevention of fires outside Metropolitan Fire Prevention District, 1920, 436	Accepted	Mar. 21, 1921
Mar. 29	South Hadley	Amateur athletic outdoor sports or games permitted on Lord's Day, 1920, 240	Accepted	Mar. 21, 1921
Mar. 29	South Hadley	Appointment and removal of assistant assessors, 1921, 14	Accepted	Mar. 21, 1921
Mar. 29	Framingham	Board of survey and assessors, G. L. 41, §§ 25, 73	Accepted	Mar. 24, 1921
Mar. 29	Framingham	Licensing board, G. L. 138, §§ 4–9	Accepted	Mar. 24, 1921
Mar. 29	Framingham	Amateur athletic outdoor sports or games permitted on Lord's Day, G. L. 136, §§ 21–28	Accepted	Mar. 24, 1921

Apr. 2	Framingham	Division of town into voting precincts, G. L. 39, § 20	Accepted	Mar. 23, 1921
Apr. 11	Westport	State-aided vocational education, G. L. 74 (1911, 471)	Accepted	Mar. 15, 1921
Apr. 11	Great Barrington	Appointment and removal of assistant assessors, 1921, 14	Accepted	Mar. 28, 1921
Apr. 16	Reading	Building line on public ways, G. L. 82, § 37 (1917, 344, Part II, § 73)	Accepted	Mar. 14, 1921
Apr. 16	Danvers	Civil service law applied to chief of police, G. L. 31, § 49	Accepted	Mar. 7, 1921
Apr. 18	Medford	Amateur athletic outdoor sports or games permitted on Lord's Day, 1920, 240	Rejected	Dec. 14, 1920
Apr. 18	Medford	Permitting boxing exhibitions, 1920, 619	Accepted	Dec. 14, 1920
Apr. 20	Dracut	Division of town into voting precincts, G. L. 54, § 6	Accepted	Apr. 12, 1921
Apr. 20	Falmouth	Precinct voting at town elections, 1913, 835, § 421	Accepted	Aug. 26, 1914
Apr. 20	Dracut	Division of town into voting precincts, G. L. 54, § 6	Accepted	Feb. 7, 1921
Apr. 20	Dracut	Precinct voting at town elections, G. L. 39, § 20	Accepted	Feb. 7, 1921
Apr. 20	Ashburnham	Division of town into voting precincts, G. L. 54, § 6	Accepted	Apr. 17, 1921
Apr. 30	Cambridge	Retirement on pension of Spanish and World War veterans, G. L. 32, §§ 56–59	Accepted	Apr. 18, 1921
May 4	Fall River	Division of wards into voting precincts, G. L. 54, § 10	Accepted	Feb. 21, 1921
May 6	Quincy	Retirement on pension of Civil War veterans, G. L. 32, § 52	Accepted	May 2, 1921
May 16	Methuen	Precinct voting at town elections, G. L. 39, § 20	Accepted	Apr. 21, 1921
May 17	Barre	Division of town into voting precincts, 1913, 835, § 221	Accepted	Apr. 1, 1918
June 10	Medway	Amateur athletic outdoor sports or games permitted on Lord's Day, 1920, 240	Accepted	June 3, 1921
June 15	Everett	Division of wards into voting precincts, G. L. 54, § 10	Accepted	May 8, 1921
June 20	Boston	Interpreters in Boston Municipal Court, G. L. 218, § 67	Accepted	June 16, 1921
June 29	Charlton	Amateur athletic outdoor sports or games permitted on Lord's Day, G. L. 136, §§ 21–28	Accepted	June 24, 1921
June 30	Peabody	License to maintain picnic groves, G. L. 140, §§ 188–190	Accepted	June 23, 1921
July 1	Revere	Division of Ward 4 into precincts, G. L. 54, §§ 2, 10	Accepted	June 22, 1921
July 9	Salem	Division of wards into voting precincts, G. L. 54, §§ 2, 10	Accepted	Mar. 24, 1921
July 28	Beverly	Division of Ward 6 into precincts, G. L. 54, §§ 2, 10	Accepted	June 13, 1921
July 28	Beverly	Division of Ward 5 into precincts, G. L. 54, §§ 2, 10	Accepted	June 20, 1921
Aug. 1	Nahant	Inspection of buildings, G. L. 143, §§ 3, 6–12	Accepted	July 27, 1921
Aug. 1	Nahant	Amateur athletic outdoor sports or games permitted on Lord's Day, G. L. 136, §§ 21–28	Accepted	July 27, 1921
Sept. 2	Cambridge	Division of Ward 9 into six precincts, G. L. 54, §§ 2, 10	Accepted	Aug. 17, 1921
Sept. 12	Swampscott	Division of town into voting precincts, G. L. 54, § 6	Accepted	Apr. 5, 1921
Sept. 29	Springfield	Pensions for firemen in cities, G. L. 32, §§ 80, 81	Accepted	Sept. 20, 1921
Oct. 3	Brockton	Division of wards into voting precincts, G. L. 54, §§ 2, 10	Accepted	June 2, 1921
Oct. 7	Winchendon	Amateur athletic outdoor sports or games permitted on Lord's Day, 1920, 240	Accepted	July 31, 1920
Oct. 28	Boston	Division of certain wards into voting precincts, 1913, 835, § 225 (G. L. 54, § 10)	Accepted	Apr. 22, 1921
Nov. 17	Braintree	Establishment of fire department, G. L. 48, §§ 42–44	Accepted	Nov. 14, 1921
Dec. 14	Clerk, Middlesex County Commissioners.	Payment to county employees who served in the World War of the difference between their military and county compensation, 1921, 38	Accepted	Dec. 6, 1921
Dec. 14	Selectmen, Wellfleet	Provision for use of official ballots, G. L. 41, § 6	Accepted	July 27, 1921
Dec. 15	Shrewsbury	Division of town into voting precincts, G. L. 54, § 6	Accepted	Apr. 12, 1921
Dec. 21	Lowell	Retirement on pension of Spanish and World War veterans, 1920, 574 (G. L. 32, §§ 56–59)	Accepted	Dec. 20, 1921
Dec. 24	Beverly	Apportionment of betterments, G. L. 80, § 14	Accepted	Dec. 20, 1921

Returns relative to the Acceptance or Rejection of Certain Special Acts passed by the General Court and referred to the Voters, or to the City Council of a City.

When received.	From whom received.	Title of Act.	Date of Action.	Vote.	
				Yes.	No.
1921.					
Jan. 8	City Clerk, Cambridge	An Act to provide for the transfer to the Metropolitan District Commission of certain park land in the city of Cambridge [1920, 509].	Dec. 7, 1920	12,484	4,201
Jan. 13	City Clerk, Boston	An Act relative to appropriations for school purposes in the city of Boston [1920, 641].	Jan. 11, 1921	–[1]	–
Jan. 20	Town Clerk, Scituate	An Act to provide for the protection of the shores in the town of Scituate [1920, 585].	Dec. 16, 1920	57	1
Jan. 25	Town Clerk, Natick	An Act to provide for commissioners of public works in the town of Natick [1920, 22].	Mar. 31, 1920	180	1
Jan. 27	City Clerk, Medford	An Act relative to the tenure of office of the clerk of the city of Medford [1919, 76, Special Acts].	Apr. 1, 1919	–[2]	–
Jan. 27	Town Clerk, Arlington	An Act to provide for precinct voting, representative town meetings, a referendum and an annual moderator in the town of Arlington [1920, 642].	Jan. 24, 1921	–[3]	–
Jan. 28	City Clerk, Chelsea	An Act relating to the tenure of office of the city clerk of Chelsea [1918, 117, Special Acts].	Apr. 15, 1918	–[2]	–
Feb. 12	Clerk, Dracut Water Supply District	An Act to authorize the Dracut Water Supply District to extend its territory [1919, 118, Special Acts].	July 28, 1919	–[3]	–
Mar. 3	Town Clerk, Brookline	An Act to provide for precinct voting, limited town meetings, town meeting members, a referendum and an annual moderator in the town of Brookline [1921, 36].	Mar. 1, 1921	2,442	381
Mar. 10	City Clerk, Newton	An Act authorizing the city of Newton to pension Herbert W. Hall [1921, 74]	Mar. 9, 1921	–[4]	–
Mar. 11	City Clerk, New Bedford	An Act to provide for additional assessors in the city of New Bedford [1921, 6]	Mar. 10, 1921	–[4]	–
Mar. 18	Town Clerk, Weymouth	An Act to provide for precinct voting, representative town meeting, town meeting members, a referendum and an annual moderator in the town of Weymouth.	Mar. 14, 1921	449	128
Mar. 24	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the county of Suffolk to pension George A. Holmes [1921, 103]	Mar. 23, 1921	–[4]	–
Mar. 29	City Clerk, Cambridge	An Act authorizing the city of Cambridge to pay a sum of money to the widow of James M. Collins [1921, 8].	Mar. 26, 1921	–[4]	–
Mar. 29	Town Clerk, Framingham	An Act authorizing the town of Framingham to retire Emma L. Clarke on a pension [1921, 39].	Mar. 24, 1921	–[3]	–
Mar. 29	Town Clerk, Marshfield	An Act to authorize the town of Marshfield to supply itself and its inhabitants with water [1920, 405].	Mar. 7, 1921	–[3]	–
Mar. 31	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the city of Boston to pay a sum of money to the widow of James E. McDonough [1921, 135].	Mar. 30, 1921	–[4]	–
Apr. 11	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the city of Boston to pay a sum of money to Thomas F. Goode [1921, 129].	Apr. 8, 1921	–[4]	–
Apr. 16	City Clerk, Boston	An Act establishing the salary of the messenger in the office of the district attorney for the Suffolk district [1921, 235].	Apr. 14, 1921	–[4]	–
Apr. 16	Town Clerk, Reading	An Act authorizing the town of Reading to establish a board of public works [1921, 118].	Mar. 28, 1921	–[3]	–

Apr. 21	City Clerk, Worcester	An Act authorizing the city of Worcester to lay and maintain pipes and furnish water to St. Vincent Hospital in the town of Millbury [1921, 62].	Apr. 7, 1921	–[4]	–
Apr. 22	City Clerk, Boston	Resolve in favor of the widow of James J. Lyons [Resolves, 1921, 20]	Apr. 21, 1921	–[4]	–
Apr. 28	City Clerk, Boston	An Act increasing the salary of the chairman of the board of assessors of the city of Boston [1921, 283].	Apr. 26, 1921	–[4]	–
May 3	City Clerk, Cambridge	An Act authorizing the city of Cambridge to pension Mary E. Mannix [1921, 10]	May 3, 1921	–[4]	–
May 3	City Clerk, Cambridge	An Act authorizing the city of Cambridge to pension Kittie L. Magoun [1921, 250]	May 3, 1921	–[4]	–
May 6	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the city of Boston to utilize schoolhouse property as war memorial buildings and the like [1921, 169].	May 4, 1921	–[4]	–
May 9	City Clerk, Cambridge	An Act authorizing the city of Cambridge to pension Henry T. Burrage [1921, 13]	May 3, 1921	–[4]	–
May 12	City Clerk, Boston	An Act establishing the office and salary of a chief court officer in the Municipal Court of the City of Boston for criminal business [1921, 284].	May 11, 1921	–[4]	–
May 16	Town Clerk, Methuen	An Act to provide for precinct voting, representative town meetings, town meeting members, a referendum and an annual moderator in the town of Methuen [1921, 241].	Apr. 16, 1921	498	186
May 19	City Clerk, Taunton	An Act to authorize the city of Taunton to discontinue a part of the Caswell burial ground [1921, 4].	May 17, 1921	–[4]	–
May 19	City Clerk, Holyoke	An Act authorizing the city of Holyoke to pay a sum of money to the guardian of the children of Michael Fahey [1921, 57].	May 17, 1921	–[4]	–
May 26	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the city of Boston to pension Laura F. Tilton [1921, 339]	May 25, 1921	–[4]	–
June 9	City Clerk, Boston	An Act increasing the amount that may be expended by the city of Boston to obtain information on municipal affairs [1921, 54].	June 7, 1921	–[4]	–
June 11	City Clerk, Holyoke	An Act authorizing the city of Holyoke to pay a certain sum of money to the widow of Oscar C. Ferry [1921, 382].	June 8, 1921	–[4]	–
June 15	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the city of Boston to pay a sum of money to Edwin B. Barnes [1921, 128].	June 14, 1921	–[4]	–
June 16	City Clerk, New Bedford	Resolve providing for the dredging of Acushnet river between the city of New Bedford and the town of Acushnet [Resolves, 1921, 41].	June 8, 1921	–	–[5]
June 20	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the county of Suffolk to retire and pension William S. Foster [1921, 192].	June 8, 1921	–[6]	–
June 20	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the county of Suffolk to pension Flora M. Parrish [1921, 88]	June 16, 1921	–[6]	–
July 2	City Clerk, Worcester	An Act authorizing the city of Worcester to pension Hannah Marley [1921, 469]	June 24, 1921	–[4]	–
July 2	City Clerk, Worcester	An Act authorizing the city of Worcester to pension Walter F. Gleason [1921, 470]	June 24, 1921	–[4]	–
July 14	Town Clerk, Marblehead	An Act relative to the school committee of the town of Marblehead [1921, 447]	July 7, 1921	137	–
July 15	City Clerk, Boston	An Act relative to clerical assistance for the municipal court of the Brighton district of the city of Boston and for the Central District Court of Worcester [1921, 465, § 2].	July 13, 1921	–[6]	–
July 16	City Clerk, Boston	An Act relative to clerical assistance for the municipal court of the Roxbury district of the city of Boston [1921, 464].	July 15, 1921	–[7]	–
Sept. 6	Clerk, Fire District Number One in Greenfield.	An Act authorizing the town of Greenfield to acquire the franchise and property of Fire District Number One of Greenfield [1921, 429].	Sept. 1, 1921	410	46
Oct. 7	Town Clerk, Winchendon	An Act to authorize the town of Winchendon to construct a system of sewerage [1906, 245].	Sept. 19, 1908	160	8

[1] Accepted by mayor and city council.
[2] Accepted by the board of aldermen.
[3] Accepted, affirmative and negative votes not returned.
[4] Accepted by the city council.
[5] Rejected by the city council of New Bedford.
[6] Accepted by the city council of Boston.
[7] Approved by the mayor of the city of Boston.

Returns relative to the Acceptance or Rejection of Certain Special Acts passed by the General Court and referred to the Voters, or to the City Council of a City — Concluded.

When received.	From whom received.	Title of Act.	Date of Action.	Vote.	
				Yes.	No.
1921.					
Oct. 29	City Clerk, Lowell	An Act to amend the charter of the city of Lowell [1921, 383, § 57]	Oct. 18, 1921	8,534	7,903
Nov. 17	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the county of Suffolk to pension Timothy R. Sullivan [1921, 308].	Nov. 16, 1921	–[1]	–
Dec. 1	Clerk, Middlesex County Commissioners.	An Act relative to the salary of the register of deeds and assistant recorder of the land court for the district of northern Middlesex [1921, 422].	Nov. 22, 1921	–[2]	–
Dec. 15	City Clerk, Beverly	An Act authorizing the city of Beverly to compensate the members of its board of aldermen [1921, 9].	Dec. 13, 1921	800	3,718
Dec. 17	City Clerk, Holyoke	Acceptance of question favoring a commission of three persons to have supervision over the gas and electric department of said city.	Dec. 6, 1921	9,977	3,462
Dec. 17	Town Clerk, North Andover	An Act to increase sewer betterment assessments in the town of North Andover [1921, 23].	Mar. 19, 1921	–[3]	–
Dec. 21	City Clerk, Medford	An Act relative to primary elections in the city of Medford [1921, 140]	Dec. 13, 1921	5,153	1,262
Dec. 21	City Clerk, Medford	An Act providing for biennial municipal elections in the city of Medford [1921, 161]	Dec. 13, 1921	4,673	1,421
Dec. 21	City Clerk, Medford	An Act to place the chief engineer of the fire department of the city of Medford under civil service [1921, 174].	Dec. 13, 1921	2,651	4,475
Dec. 21	City Clerk, Medford	An Act establishing a schoolhouse building commission for the city of Medford [1921, 405].	Dec. 13, 1921	5,974	906
Dec. 23	City Clerk, New Bedford	An Act to provide for biennial municipal elections in the city of New Bedford [1921, 46].	Dec. 6, 1921	12,576	8,321
Dec. 23	City Clerk, Malden	An Act to amend the charter of the city of Malden [1921, 373]	Dec. 13, 1921	1,405	3,502
Dec. 24	City Clerk, Brockton	An Act providing for biennial municipal elections in the city of Brockton [1921, 307].	Dec. 6, 1921	9,660	4,785
Dec. 30	Clerk, Middlesex County Commissioners.	An Act enabling the county of Middlesex to make improvements at the county buildings in the city of Cambridge [1921, 309].	Dec. 23, 1921	–[2]	–

[1] Accepted by the city council of Boston.

[2] Accepted by the Middlesex county commissioners.

[3] Accepted, affirmative and negative votes not returned.

RETURNS OF VOTES

ON THE

QUESTION OF GRANTING LICENSES FOR THE SALE

OF CERTAIN

NON-INTOXICATING BEVERAGES, ETC.

1921

Returns made by the Several City and Town Clerks to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, in the Year 1921, under the Requirements of Section 11, Chapter 138, General Laws, showing the Vote given at their Last Annual Meeting on the Question, "Shall Licenses be granted for the Sale of Certain Non-Intoxicating Beverages in this City or Town?" etc.

COUNTIES, CITIES AND TOWNS.	First Class.			Second Class.			Third Class.			Fourth Class.			Fifth Class.			Amounts Received for Licenses.	Vote at Last Annual Meeting. Shall Licenses be Granted?	
	No. Issued.	Amounts Received for Same.	No. Revoked.	No. Issued.	Amounts Received for Same.	No. Revoked.	No. Issued.	Amounts Received for Same.	No. Revoked.	No. Issued.	Amounts Received for Same.	No. Revoked.	No. Issued.	Amounts Received for Same.	No. Revoked.		Yes.	No.
Barnstable County.																		
Barnstable	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	$1 00	–	$1 00	324	428
Bourne	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	264	372
Brewster	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	58	58
Chatham	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	121	240
Dennis	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–		–	–	–	23	85
Eastham	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	23	20
Falmouth	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	393	403
Harwich	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	137	195
Mashpee	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	29	35
Orleans	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	107	175
Provincetown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	165	226
Sandwich	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	110	154
Truro	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	29	41
Wellfleet	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	4	50
Yarmouth	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	183	161
Totals	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	$1 00	–	$1 00	1,970	2,643

Sale of Certain Non-Intoxicating Beverages, etc., 1921 — Continued.

Counties, Cities and Towns.	First Class.			Second Class.			Third Class.			Fourth Class.			Fifth Class.			Amounts Received for Licenses.	Vote at Last Annual Meeting. Shall Licenses be Granted?	
	No. Issued.	Amounts Received for Same.	No. Revoked.	No. Issued.	Amounts Received for Same.	No. Revoked.	No. Issued.	Amounts Received for Same.	No. Revoked.	No. Issued.	Amounts Received for Same.	No. Revoked.	No. Issued.	Amounts Received for Same.	No. Revoked.		Yes.	No.
Berkshire County.																		
Adams	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1,223	881
Alford	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	14	23
Becket	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	29	37
Cheshire	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	138	181
Clarksburg	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	53	108
Dalton	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	280	689
Egremont	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	47	67
Florida	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	44
Great Barrington	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	$2 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	$2 00	636	617
Hancock	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	22	37
Hinsdale	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	75	152
Lanesborough	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	30	53
Lee	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	518	557
Lenox	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1 00	457	386
Monterey	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	15	43
Mount Washington	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	5	5
New Ashford	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	3	7
New Marlborough	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	91	105
North Adams	–	–	–	–	–	–	5	5 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	5 00	1,689	1,770
Otis	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	50	45
Peru	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	7	8
Pittsfield	–	–	–	–	–	–	5	5 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	5 00	4,730	5,384
Richmond	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	7	63
Sandisfield	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	34	30
Savoy	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	15	26
Sheffield	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	105	143
Stockbridge	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	204	260
Tyringham	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	13	19
Washington[1]	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
West Stockbridge	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	79	86
Williamstown	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	2 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2 00	173	353
Windsor	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	21	12
Totals	–	–	–	–	–	–	15	$15 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	$15 00	10,764	12,191

BRISTOL COUNTY.																		
Acushnet[1]	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
ATTLEBORO	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	$1 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	$1 00	1,907	1,220
Berkley	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	34	98
Dartmouth	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	204	352
Dighton	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	58	56
Easton	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	566	650
Fairhaven	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	507	894
FALL RIVER	–	–	–	–	–	–	22	22 00	–	–	–	–	1	$1 00	–	23 00	9,716	5,699
Freetown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	54	87
Mansfield		–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	480	670
NEW BEDFORD	–	–	–	–	–	–	51	51 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	51 00	14,655	7,375
North Attleborough	–	–	–	–	–	–	5	5 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	5 00	790	729
Norton	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	111	154
Raynham	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	135	200
Rehoboth	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	92	214
Seekonk	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	66
Somerset	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	12	85
Swansea	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	79	161
TAUNTON	–	–	–	–	–	–	10	10 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	10 00	2,123	1,581
Westport	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	199	374
Totals	–	–	–	–	–	–	89	$89 00	–	–	–	–	1	$1 00	–	$90 00	30,822	20,665
DUKES COUNTY.																		
Chilmark	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	37
Edgartown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	79	105
Gay Head	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	7	10
Gosnold	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	25	5
Oak Bluffs	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	117	114
Tisbury	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	79	186
West Tisbury	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	13	56
Totals	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	322	513

[1] Question not submitted to voters.

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Essex County.																		
Amesbury	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1,127	1,490
Andover	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	$2 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	$2 00	323	451
Beverly	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1,875	2,887
Boxford	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	24	27
Danvers	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	2 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2 00	986	1,288
Essex	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	104	146
Georgetown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	135	252
Gloucester	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2,089	2,067
Groveland	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	112	209
Hamilton	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	220	238
Haverhill	–	–	–	–	–	–	12	12 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	12 00	3,519	2,881
Ipswich	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	477	784
Lawrence	–	–	–	–	–	–	27	27 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	27 00	12,088	5,165
Lynn	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	9,546	10,470
Lynnfield	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	92	122
Manchester	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	276	394
Marblehead	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	741	1,143
Merrimac	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	153	304
Methuen	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	853	1,125
Middleton	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	98	157
Nahant	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1 00	338	288
Newbury	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	87	153
Newburyport	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1,842	2,488
North Andover	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	930	1,070
Peabody	–	–	–	–	–	–	8	8 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	8 00	1,314	1,352
Rockport	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	279	597
Rowley	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	94	211
Salem	–	–	–	–	–	–	11	11 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	11 00	4,665	4,783
Salisbury	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	193	299
Saugus	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	539	1,062
Swampscott	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	240	797
Topsfield	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	65	123
Wenham	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	72	186
West Newbury	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	66	147
Totals	–	–	–	–	–	–	63	$63 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	$63 00	45,562	45,156

FRANKLIN COUNTY.																		
Ashfield	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	18	53
Bernardston	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	57	88
Buckland	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	87	169
Charlemont[1]	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Colrain	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	61	141
Conway	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	69	74
Deerfield	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	121	90
Erving	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	21	30
Gill	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	5	46
Greenfield	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1,159	1,128
Hawley	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	32	9
Heath	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	11	38
Leverett[1]	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Leyden	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	15	36
Monroe	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	9	14
Montague	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	$2 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	$2 00	482	279
New Salem	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	32
Northfield	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	63	195
Orange	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	2 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	2 00	531	689
Rowe[1]	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Shelburne	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	84	215
Shutesbury	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	29
Sunderland	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	19	65
Warwick	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	5	33
Wendell	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	30	20
Whately	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	59	73
Totals	–	–	–	–	–	–	4	$4 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	$4 00	2,941	3,546
HAMPDEN COUNTY.																	
Agawam	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	353	277
Blandford	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	34	73
Brimfield	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	38	77
Chester	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	104	102
CHICOPEE	–	–	–	–	–	–	5	$5 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	$5 00	3,415	1,807
East Longmeadow	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	83	195
Granville	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	29	23
Hampden	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	48	46
Holland	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	6	17
HOLYOKE	–	–	–	–	–	–	17	17 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	17 00	8,101	5,412

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Hampden County — Con.																		
Longmeadow	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	10	41
Ludlow	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	375	342
Monson	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	316	354
Montgomery	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	7	19
Palmer	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	$2 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	$2 00	720	631
Russell	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	82	84
Southwick	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	43	93
Springfield	–	–	–	–	–	–	25	25 00	–	–	–	–	1	$1 00	–	26 00	4,155	4,393
Tolland	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	3	19
Wales	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	42	68
West Springfield	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1,018	750
Westfield	–	–	–	–	–	–	3	3 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	3 00	1,162	845
Wilbraham	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	99	214
Totals	–	–	–	–	–	–	52	$52 00	–	–	–	–	1	$1 00	–	$53 00	20,243	15,882
Hampshire County.																		
Amherst	–	–	–	–	–	–	3	$3 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	$3 00	347	642
Belchertown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	179	221
Chesterfield	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	16	37
Cummington	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	33	89
Easthampton	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1,045	752
Enfield	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	46	49
Goshen[1]	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Granby	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	15	68
Greenwich	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	31	33
Hadley	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	61	91
Hatfield	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	106	152
Huntington	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	94	91

Middlefield	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	22	22
Northampton	–	–	–	–	–	–	6	6 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	6 00	1,956	1,720
Pelham	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	19	38
Plainfield[1]	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Prescott	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	19	16
South Hadley	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	493	513
Southampton	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	16	75
Ware	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1 00	745	654
Westhampton	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	4	42
Williamsburg	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	195	241
Worthington	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	18	37
Totals	–	–	–	–	–	–	10	$10 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	$10 00	5,460	5,583
Middlesex County.																		
Acton	–	–	–					–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	112	243
Arlington	–	–	–	–	–	–	3	$3 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	$3 00	1,112	2,133
Ashby	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	4	59
Ashland	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	205	333
Ayer	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	231	330
Bedford	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	105	198
Belmont	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	2 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2 00	353	576
Billerica	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	348	810
Boxborough	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	16	25
Burlington	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	88	102
Cambridge	–	–	–	–	–	–	21	21 00	–	–	–	–	21	$21 00	–	42 00	8,161	8,152
Carlisle	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	22	52
Chelmsford	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	296	827
Concord	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	274	422
Dracut	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	274	387
Dunstable	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	19	45
Everett	–	–	–	–	–	–	10	10 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	10 00	3,277	4,902
Framingham	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1,502	1,659
Groton	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	277	399
Holliston	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	285	326
Hopkinton	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	299	335
Hudson	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	322	336
Lexington	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	538	735
Lincoln	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	66	138
Littleton	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	25	121
Lowell	–	–	–	–	–	–	24	24 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	24 00	12,554	9,465
Malden	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2,017	3,246
Marlborough	–	–	–	–	–	–	6	6 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	6 00	2,369	1,872

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Middlesex County — Con.																		
Maynard	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	$2 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	$2 00	510	577
Medford	–	–	–	–	–	–	9	9 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	9 00	2,486	5,213
Melrose	–	–	–	–	–	–	2[1]	2 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2 00	1,135	3,551
Natick	–	–	–	–	–	–	4	4 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	4 00	1,658	2,047
Newton[2]	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	4,638	7,207
North Reading	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	113	205
Pepperell	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	2 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2 00	309	277
Reading	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	265	795
Sherborn	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	26	51
Shirley	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	127	172
Somerville	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	5,143	8,751
Stoneham	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	785	1,437
Stow	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	8	42
Sudbury	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	72	174
Tewksbury	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	99	230
Townsend	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	129	232
Tyngsborough	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	85	127
Wakefield	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	889	1,320
Waltham	–	–	–	–	–	–	4	4 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	4 00	2,308	3,240
Watertown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1,220	1,879
Wayland	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	213	330
Westford	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	66	127
Weston	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	48	109
Wilmington	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1 00	264	364
Winchester	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1 00	677	1,849
Woburn	–	–	–	–	–	–	3	3 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	3 00	1,546	2,102
Totals	–	–	–	–	–	–	94	$94 00	–	–	–	–	21	$21 00	–	$115 00	59,910	80,636
Nantucket County.																		
Nantucket	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	237	271

NORFOLK COUNTY.																		
Avon	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	45	47
Bellingham	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	113	118
Braintree	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	641	1,082
Brookline	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1,083	1,650
Canton	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	707	947
Cohasset	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	344	427
Dedham	–	–	–	–	–	–	4	$4 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	$4 00	1,221	1,596
Dover	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	88	107
Foxborough	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1 00	234	417
Franklin	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	599	569
Holbrook	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	325	361
Medfield	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	176	252
Medway	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	53	98
Millis	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	153	216
Milton	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1 00	709	1,238
Needham	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	557	1,087
Norfolk	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	25	53
Norwood	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	2 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2 00	252	109
Plainville	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	90	110
QUINCY	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1,740	2,201
Randolph	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	2 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2 00	613	640
Sharon	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	243	564
Stoughton	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	828	704
Walpole	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	454	474
Wellesley	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	78	242
Westwood	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	111	226
Weymouth	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	267	367
Wrentham	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	146	182
Totals	–	–	–	–	–	–	10	$10 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	$10 00	11,895	16,084
PLYMOUTH COUNTY.																		
Abington	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	296	299
Bridgewater	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	84	95
BROCKTON	–	–	–	–	–	–	11	$11 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	$11 00	8,993	8,722
Carver	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	16	86
Duxbury	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	168	165
East Bridgewater	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	54	54
Halifax	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	34	43
Hanover	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	196	274
Hanson	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	38	89
Hingham	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	2 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2 00	340	277
Hull	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	317	144
Kingston	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	218	228
Lakeville	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	26	45

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Plymouth County — Con.																		
Marion	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	49	134
Marshfield	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	155	207
Mattapoisett	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	78	183
Middleborough	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	347	781
Norwell	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	140	187
Pembroke	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	114	138
Plymouth	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	738	749
Plympton	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	36	58
Rochester	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	14	48
Rockland	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	$1 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	$1 00	899	898
Scituate	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	358	578
Wareham	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	344	423
West Bridgewater	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	127	150
Whitman	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	792	830
Totals	–	–	–	–	–	–	14	$14 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	$14 00	14,971	15,885
Suffolk County.																		
Boston	–	–	–	–	–	–	213[1]	$213 00	–	17	$5,300 00	–	1	$1 00	–	$5,514 00	86,474	46,094
Chelsea	–	–	–	–	–	–	12	12 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	12 00	3,888	2,412
Revere	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2,466	1,657
Winthrop	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	513	952
Totals	–	–	–	–	–	–	225	$225 00	–	17	$5,300 00	–	1	$1 00	–	$5,526 00	93,341	51,115
Worcester County.																		
Ashburnham	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	138	215
Athol	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	753	850
Auburn	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	391	458
Barre	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	254	290
Berlin	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	30	158

Blackstone	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	457	158
Bolton	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	8	74
Boylston	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	58	150
Brookfield	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	136	171
Charlton	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	127	166
Clinton	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1,669	1,999
Dana	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	48	61
Douglas	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	122	203
Dudley	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	448	200
East Brookfield	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	39	59
Fitchburg	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	14	$14 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	$14 00	1,421	1,204
Gardner	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	4	4 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	4 00	1,444	1,601
Grafton [2]	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Hardwick	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	218	249
Harvard	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	48	103
Holden	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	71	178
Hopedale	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	33
Hubbardston	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	23	69
Lancaster	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	96	180
Leicester	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	375	393
Leominster	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1,901	1,786
Lunenburg	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	39	136
Mendon	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	53	101
Milford	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	4	4 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	4 00	1,445	1,089
Millbury	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	533	494
Millville	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	243	189
New Braintree	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	17	36
North Brookfield	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	271	400
Northborough	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	118	264
Northbridge	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	662	635
Oakham	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	20	54
Oxford	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	375	349
Paxton	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	31	83
Petersham	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	66	87
Phillipston	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	10	43
Princeton	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	8	61
Royalston	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	26	73
Rutland	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	45	92
Shrewsbury	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	225	400
Southborough	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	191	315
Southbridge	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	1 00	1,878	1,077
Spencer	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	763	753
Sterling	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	114	165
Sturbridge	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	1 00	112	169

[1] Including 15 issued as sixth class, now third class under General Laws, one revoked.

[2] Question not submitted to voters.

Sale of Certain Non-Intoxicating Beverages, etc., 1921 — Concluded.

Counties, Cities and Towns.	First Class.			Second Class.			Third Class.			Fourth Class.			Fifth Class.			Amounts Received for Licenses.	Vote at Last Annual Meeting. Shall Licenses be Granted?	
	No. Issued.	Amounts Received for Same.	No. Revoked.	No. Issued.	Amounts Received for Same.	No. Revoked.	No. Issued.	Amounts Received for Same.	No. Revoked.	No. Issued.	Amounts Received for Same.	No. Revoked.	No. Issued.	Amounts Received for Same.	No. Revoked.		Yes.	No.
Worcester County — Con.																		
Sutton	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	126	140
Templeton	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	192	314
Upton	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	84	156
Uxbridge	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	498	550
Warren	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	298	286
Webster	–	–	–	–	–	–	4	$4 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	$4 00	1,655	590
West Boylston	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	14	89
West Brookfield[1]	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Westborough	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	586	868
Westminster	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	18	115
Winchendon	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1 00	457	461
Worcester	–	–	–	–	–	–	35	35 00	–	2[2]	$220 00	–	2	$2 00	–	257 00	23,751	17,978
Totals	–	–	–	–	–	–	64	$64 00	–	2	$220 00	–	2	$2 00	–	$286 00	45,201	39,620

[1] Question not submitted to voters.

[2] One hold over from Federal permits, and one issued for six months under special permit.

RECAPITULATION.

COUNTIES.	Vote at Last Annual Meeting. Shall Licenses be Granted?		Number Issued.					Number Revoked.	Amounts Received for Licenses.
	Yes.	No.	First Class.	Second Class.	Third Class.	Fourth Class.	Fifth Class.		
Barnstable	1,970	2,643	–	–	–	–	1	–	$1 00
Berkshire	10,764	12,191	–	–	15	–	–	–	15 00
Bristol	30,822	20,665	–	–	89	–	1	–	90 00
Dukes County	322	513	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Essex	45,562	45,156	–	–	63	–	–	–	63 00
Franklin	2,941	3,546	–	–	4	–	–	–	4 00
Hampden	20,243	15,882	–	–	52	–	1	–	53 00
Hampshire	5,460	5,583	–	–	10	–	–	–	10 00
Middlesex	59,910	80,636	–	–	94	–	21	–	115 00
Nantucket	237	271	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Norfolk	11,895	16,084	–	–	10	–	–	–	10 00
Plymouth	14,971	15,885	–	–	14	–	–	–	14 00
Suffolk	93,341	51,115	–	–	225	17	1	–	5,526 00
Worcester	45,201	39,620	–	–	64	2	2	–	286 00
Totals	343,639	309,790	–	–	640	19	27	–	$6,187 00

SHERIFFS' RETURNS

1921

[Chapter 37, Section 23, General Laws]

Abstracts of the Returns of the Sheriffs of the Several Counties of the Commonwealth for the Year ending September 30, 1921, in Compliance with Chapter 37, Section 23 of the General Laws.

COUNTIES.	Amount of Money Received.					Number of Days' Attendance.			
	From County Treasurer.	From All Other Sources.	Totals.	For Fees in Civil Processes.	For Fees in Criminal Processes.	Upon the Court.	Upon County Commissioners.	Upon More than One Tribunal Simultaneously.	Totals.
Barnstable	$366 68	$54 20	$420 88	$54 20	–	–	–	–	–
Berkshire	2,300 00	1,095 00	3,395 00	–	–	62	12	2	76
Bristol	4,422 69	17,375 47 [1]	21,798 16	–	–	92	17	15	124
Dukes County	343 66	519 62	863 28	408 21	$111 41	20	–	–	20
Essex	3,350 53	13,092 74	16,443 27	–	–	135	1	72	208
Franklin	1,517 04	2,285 00	3,802 04	–	–	47	–	–	47
Hampden	3,866 72	4,145 00	8,011 72	–	–	197	12	152	361
Hampshire	–	4,008 00	4,008 00	–	–	36	5	2	43
Middlesex	4,600 00 [2]	12,545 00 [3]	17,145 00	–	–	1,121	–	187	1,308
Nantucket	475 65	–	475 65	– [4]	– [4]	3	–	–	3
Norfolk	2,700 00	5,100 00	7,800 00	–	5,100 00	182	–	98	280
Plymouth	3,500 00	239 75 [5]	3,739 75	–	–	85	35	10	130
Suffolk	4,000 00 [2]	33,486 92 [6]	37,486 92	–	–	2,565 [7]	–	–	2,565
Worcester	4,100 00	20,248 15	24,348 15	–	–	208	–	216	424
Totals	$35,542 97	$114,194 85	$149,737 82	$462 41	$5,211 41	4,753	82	754	5,589

[1] Fines.

[2] Salary, John R. Fairbairn, $1,000 as keeper of jail; John A. Keliher, $1,000 as keeper of jail.

[3] Fines and costs.

[4] Allowed to retain fees by statute.

[5] Travel expenses.

[6] Fines, $32,098.95; collections on Commonwealth executions, $208.35; board of poor debtors, $28.75; sale of old material, $215.94; collected on civil process at jail, $449.43; contempt of court, $205; board of United States prisoner, $208.50.

[7] Superior Criminal Court, first session, 218; second session, 162. Civil court, first session, 168; second session, 154; third session, 169; fourth session, 175; fifth session, 169; sixth session, 172; seventh session, 172; eighth session, 168; ninth session, 24; equity motion, 303; equity merit, 179; divorce, 91. Supreme Judicial Court, for the Commonwealth, 108; for the county, 133.

CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURT

1921

[Chapter 221, Section 24, General Laws]

Returns relative to the Trial of Cases in the Superior Court for the Year ending June 30, 1921.

COUNTIES.	No. of Jury Cases.	No. of Jury Waived Cases.	No. of Equity Suits pending at Beginning of Year.	No. of Each of Said Three Classes of Cases entered during the Year.			No. of Cases of Each Class actually tried during the Year.			No. of Cases of Each Class disposed of during the Year by Agreement of the Parties or by Order of the Court.			No. of Cases of Each Class remaining untried at the End of the Year.			No. of Cases wherein the Verdict of the Jury has been set aside by the Court on the Ground that it was excessive.	No. of Days during which the Court has sat in their Respective Counties for the Hearing of Each of Said Three Classes of Cases.		
				First Class.	Second Class.	Third Class.	First Class.	Second Class.	Third Class.	First Class.	Second Class.	Third Class.	First Class.	Second Class.	Third Class.		First Class.	Second Class.	Third Class.
Barnstable	61	25	21	36	15	2	8	3	1	32	10	3	59	25	20	–	–[1]	–[1]	–[1]
Berkshire	135	121	82	140	84	22	23	16	2	103	67	14	149	122	88	–	29	17[2]	–
Bristol	1,001	342	220[3]	599	219	107[4]	89	38	28[5]	443	156	51[6]	1,157	405	276[7]	–	116	44	6
Dukes County	7	9	9	6	14	3	1	–	–	5	5	4	6	7	4	–	3[8]	–	–
Essex	1,906	442	409	1,273	366	183	214	33	27	809	239	89	2,281	526	483	–	332	40	40
Franklin	77	47	145	131	30	26	24	3	3	63	5	10	135	69	160	–	30¾	2½[9]	3½[9]
Hampden	1,692	710	484	858	440	171	81	43	6	693	328	136	1,762	770	512	1	194	25	5
Hampshire	125	96	55	95	62	14	22	4	3	73	48	12	137	91	55	–	38	4	5
Middlesex	3,185	916	1,307	2,098	722	258	297	48	12	1,463	511	126	3,908	1,047	1,439	1	441	29	12
Nantucket	1	16	1	1	16	–	1	10	–	1	10	–	–	11	1	–	3	3	3
Norfolk	748	228	229	450	195	48	78[10]	20[10]	12[10]	344	108	11	799	301	257	–	127	24[11]	–
Plymouth	373	494	196	291	335	59	66	200	8	186	177	22	412	452	225	–	95	27	2
Suffolk	14,658	3,387	8,204	7,150	2,023	1,453	1,123	256	253[12]	8,899	2,661	7,015[13]	12,909	2,749	2,642	–	1,195[14]	137	182[15]
Worcester	1,580	495	442	1,235	404	181	137	79	81	816	294	54	1,862	526	488	–	155	30	37
Totals	25,549	7,328	11,804	14,363	4,925	2,527	2,164	753	436	13,930	4,619	7,547	25,576	7,101	6,650	2	2,758¾	380	292

[1] Unknown, owing to mixed session.
[2] Second and third classes.
[3] Exclusive of 632 divorce cases.
[4] Exclusive of 422 divorce cases.
[5] Exclusive of 357 divorce cases.
[6] Exclusive of 373 divorce cases.
[7] Exclusive of 681 divorce cases.
[8] All classes.
[9] Number of hours.
[10] Including cases pending for judgment, first class, 23; second class, 6; third class, 3.
[11] Second and third classes, including hearing of 167 divorce cases.
[12] Not including 2 divorce cases tried in equity merit session, 223 being Suffolk cases.
[13] Large number caused by "call of docket."
[14] Ten sessions; fourth session held in trial of cases without a jury.
[15] Equity merit session for all counties in the Commonwealth, equity motion session for all counties. Justice in attendance every day except Sundays and legal holidays.

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Office of the Secretary, Jan. 5, 1923.

To the Honorable Senate
and the House of Representatives.

I have the honor to submit, in compliance with General Laws, chapter 9, section 17, the annual report of the transactions of this office for the year ending Nov. 30, 1922, including the votes of the cities and towns on the question of granting licenses for the sale of certain non-intoxicating beverages; the returns of the sheriffs of the several counties of money received by them, and of their attendance upon a court of record and the county commissioners; a report showing the aggregate vote, both affirmative and negative, on every act or part of an act which shall have been referred by the General Court for acceptance or rejection to the voters of the Commonwealth or of any part thereof, or to the city council of any city, during the calendar year 1922; and a record of the work of this Department in respect to public records under chapter 66 of the General Laws.

There are also presented, in compliance with General Laws, chapter 221, section 24, abstract and tabular statements of the returns of the clerks of the Superior Court for the several counties, and the clerk of the Superior Court for civil business in the county of Suffolk; of the number of jury cases, of jury-waived cases and of equity suits pending at the beginning of the year; of the number of each of said three classes of cases entered during the year; of the number of cases of each class actually tried during the year; of the number of cases of each class disposed of during the year by agreement of the parties or by order of the court; of the number of cases of each class remaining untried at the end of the year; of the number of cases wherein the verdict of the jury has been set aside by the court on the ground that it is excessive; and of the number of days during which the court has sat in each county for the hearing of each of said three classes of cases.

Receipts and Expenditures.

The following table shows, in detail, the receipts from fees, etc., all of which were paid into the treasury daily, and quarterly reports thereof made to the Governor and Council, as required by General Laws, chapter 9, section 1: —

Commissions		$24,390 00
Corporation certificates		449,509 27
Limited partnerships		28 00
Sale of books, etc.		1,638 15
Sale of General Laws		30,756 75
Sale of Bradford Histories		196 00
Sale of Blue Books		817 60
Labels, trade-marks, etc.		4,875 00
Interest		95
Certificates		1,570 00
Military records		194 20
Copies		8,402 68
Miscellaneous:		
Vital statistics	$269 25	
Advance sheets	520 00	
Stationery	1 45	
		790 70
		$523,169 30

The total expenses for salaries and incidentals during the year were $118,524.39, from which it appears that there was turned into the treasury of the Commonwealth $404,644.91 over the office expenses.

Commissions.

The number of commissions issued during the year ending Nov. 30, 1922, was 5,257 (an increase of 302 over the preceding year), of which 379 were without fee and 226 became void by reason of the failure of the appointees to take out the commissions or to qualify thereunder. The different classes were as follows: —

Notaries public	3,015
Justices of the peace	1,732
Special district police officers	37
Special commissioners	69

Trustees, commissioners, etc.	123
Public warehousemen	71
Justices of the peace to solemnize marriages	38
Public administrators	5
Masters in chancery	15
Medical examiners	6
Clerks, municipal and district courts	26
Commissioners in other States	4
Justices and special justices, municipal and district courts	15
Associate medical examiners	6
Justices of the peace to issue warrants and take bail	8
Trial justices	5
Commissioners to qualify public officers	4
Commissioners in foreign countries	1
Chairman, Department of Industrial Accidents	1
Associate justices, Superior Court	4
Ballot Law Commissioners	2
Licensing Board, City of Boston	1
Board of Excise, City of Chelsea	1
Board of Police, City of Fall River	1
Commissioner of Savings Bank Life Insurance	1
Finance Commissioners, City of Boston	2
Judges of probate and insolvency	2
Chief Justice, Superior Court	1
Special judge of probate and insolvency	1
District attorney	1
Port warden	2
Police Commissioner, City of Boston	1
Commissioner of Banks	1
Register of probate and insolvency	1
Supervisors of elections	42
Supervisors of primaries (city of Revere)	10
Supervisors of registration (city of Revere)	2
	5,257

Certificates to the number of 7,130 were issued. Fees were remitted for 6,280.

Corporations.

(Rooms 335B, 337, 340A, 340B.)

The total number of certificates of incorporation issued under General Laws to new corporations for the fiscal year ending Nov. 30, 1922, was 2,720, — a decrease of 34 as compared with the fiscal year ending Nov. 30, 1921. They were classified as follows: —

Trading corporations (under General Laws, chapter 156, section 12)	2,334
Religious, charitable, social, educational, musical, athletic, etc., corporations (under General Laws, chapter 180, section 3)	320
Fraternal beneficiary corporations (under General Laws, chapter 176, section 9)	26
Churches (under General Laws, chapter 67, section 51)	20
Credit unions (under General Laws, chapter 171, section 3)	8
Co-operative banks (under General Laws, chapter 170, section 5)	3
Trust company (under General Laws, chapter 172, section 10)	1
Assessment insurance company (under General Laws, chapter 177, section 4)	1
Drainage districts (under General Laws, chapter 158, section 9, chapter 252, and Acts of 1922, chapter 349)	4
Electric company (under General Laws, chapter 164, section 5)	1
Medical milk commission (under General Laws, chapter 180, section 20)	1
Street railway company (under General Laws, chapter 161, section 9)	1

The number of miscellaneous certificates filed and recorded was 17,339, — an increase of 227 as compared with the fiscal year ending Nov. 30, 1921. Of these, 12,641 were certificates of condition of Massachusetts corporations (under General Laws, chapter 158, section 37, and chapter 156, section 47); 2,334 were articles of organization of trading corporations (under General Laws, chapter 156, section 12); 320 were certificates of religious, charitable, social and other organizations (under General Laws, chapter 180); 764 were certificates of issue of capital stock of trading corporations (under General Laws, chapter 156, sections 16 and 17), and the others were distributed among 26 different classes.

The number of miscellaneous certificates filed was 1,998, of which 1,882 were certificates of condition of foreign corporations (under General Laws, chapter 181, section 12), and the others were divided among 9 other classes.

There were issued 36 certificates of change of name of corporations (under General Laws, chapter 155, section 10, and chapter 180, section 11).

Returns were received of the dissolution of 48 corporations by the Supreme Judicial and Superior Courts.

Under the act relating to the incorporation of clubs, charters were refused in 18 cases.

Details of all these statistics appear in the Abstract of the Certificates of Corporations, published by this office (Public Document No. 10).

Limited partnership certificates to the number of 28 were filed and recorded.

In the Corporation Division, 2,959 certified copies of the records and certificates were supplied, — a decrease of 1 as compared with the fiscal year ending Nov. 30, 1921.

Labels, Trade-marks, etc.

(Room 337.)

By General Laws, chapter 110, section 8, which relates to the adoption and registration of labels, trade-marks, stamps and forms of advertisement, the duty is placed upon the Secretary of the Commonwealth of receiving, filing and recording such labels, etc., and of issuing and recording certificates of record. Under this law, labels, trade-marks, stamps and forms of advertisement were received, and certificates of record issued and recorded, in 186 cases.

Under General Laws, chapter 110, section 8, which provides for the assignment of labels, trade-marks, stamps and forms of advertisement, 7 assignments were received, and certificates of registration issued and recorded.

Insignia of Societies and Labor Unions.

(Room 337.)

General Laws, chapter 110, section 9, provides for the registration in this office of the insignia, ribbons, badges, rosettes, buttons and emblems of societies, associations and labor unions. One registration was received which has been included with the number of labels above given, under General Laws, chapter 110, section 8.

Marks and Devices on Cans, etc.

(Room 337.)

By General Laws, chapter 110, section 17, which provides for the protection of owners of cans, bottles, boxes, siphons and fountains used in the sale of soda water, mineral and aerated waters, ale, beer, ginger ale or similar beverages, it is made the

duty of the Secretary of the Commonwealth to receive and file descriptions of marks, devices, etc., and under this law 11 such descriptions were received and filed. Under General Laws, chapter 110, section 21, protecting dealers and consumers against the unlawful use and destruction of milk cans, jugs, bottles or jars, 49 descriptions of marks, devices, etc., were received and filed.

Vital Statistics Division.

(Room 334.)

Under the provisions of General Laws, chapter 46, the returns of births and marriages from the 355 cities and towns for the year 1921, which were received in 1922, cover 92,207 births and 33,590 marriages, an increase, as compared with the returns of 1920, of 348 births and a decrease of 4,458 marriages.

Under the provisions of the same law, 47,780 certified copies of records of deaths were received covering the period from Jan. 1, 1921, to Dec. 31, 1921, a decrease of 5,852 as compared with the returns of 1920.

The medical examiners' returns for 1921 cover 6,368 cases, an increase of 92 as compared with the returns of 1920.

The returns by the clerks of the courts of the decrees of divorce for 1921 number 4,556, an increase of 180 as compared with the returns of 1920.

These figures are compiled, analyzed and presented fully in the annual registration report for 1921 (Public Document No. 1), and were available July 1, 1922.

During the year 947 certificates of birth, 499 certificates of marriage and 357 certificates of death were issued, a total of 1,803. Fees received from these certificates amounted to $269.25.

Naturalization Returns.

Under the provisions of General Laws, chapter 220, section 19, returns were received of the naturalization of 3,629 persons before the various courts of the Commonwealth during the year 1921, a decrease of 744 as compared with the returns for 1920. These returns were indexed and bound in convenient forms for reference, as required by law.

Changes of Names of Persons.

The returns of 1,215 names, changed in 1921 as decreed by the several probate courts, were received and filed in compliance with the requirements of General Laws, chapter 210, section 12.

Archives Division.

(Room 438.)

The number of visitors during the year was 3,863; written inquiries — for military service, 793; historical, legal and miscellaneous subjects, 389; certificates of military service issued, 195; copies — of legislative records and manuscripts, typewritten, 195; of legislative records, manuscripts, maps, corporation records and other material for individuals, officials and corporations, photostatic, 755; of soldiers' discharges, photostatic, 160; of world war records, photostatic, 6,000; volumes of the archives reproduced in negative photostat, 7, some 4,000 sheets; total number of photostatic copies made, 31,684; volumes of the archives rebound by the Emery process, 3; volumes of court records — rebound, 4; by the Emery process, 1; fees received — for military certificates, $194.20; for typewritten copies, $132.20; for photostatic copies, $3,038.98; totaling $3,365.38.

Reproduction of the Archives.

This work is proceeding as rapidly as can be expected with the constantly increasing demands upon the photostats by other divisions, departments, corporations and individuals. Some seven volumes, making twenty-one volumes as bound, are now ready for the binder.

Photostat.

The importance of the machines for copying material of all kinds is more and more being appreciated. Two outstanding features are that if ordinary care is used photostats cannot make mistakes (eliminating verification by reading back), and photostatic copies will often be accepted as true copies without verification. During the last four months the machines have been reproducing constantly.

World War Records.

From September 1 to November 30, under chapter 546, Acts of 1922, some 3,000 sheets (18 by 22 inches) have been made, each containing six standard size typewritten pages (slightly reduced), showing the organization, movements, citations, decorations, casualties, maps, etc., of the Yankee Division, totaling 18,000, and some 3,000 sheets (18 by 22 inches) containing 24 (3 by 5 inches) personnel records, totaling 72,000. A word of appreciation is due to Capt. Judson C. Hannigan (late major, 51st Infantry Brigade), aide to General Edwards; Warrant Officer Harley J. Scott (late major, 102d Machine Gun Battalion); Army Field Clerk Walter L. Murphy (late chief clerk, Intelligence Section, G^2, Headquarters, 1st Army, A. E. F.); and Dr. George S. Godard, State Librarian of Connecticut, for their kind assistance in this work.

Rebinding of Archives.

Of the 326 volumes in the archives proper, 108 have been rebound since 1905, and at present 32 need attention, 15 needing rebinding badly. During the past year three volumes, the Hutchinson Papers, containing many of the oldest and most valuable manuscripts in the collection, have been rebound by the Emery Record Preserving Company, and are now safe for many years to come. In addition, five volumes of the Legislative Records of the Council (commonly called the Court Records) have been rebound, one, on account of its condition, being Emeryized.

Additions to the Archives.

During the past year the Department of Public Welfare, Division of Aid and Relief, has turned over to this Division 124 large folios, consisting of 23 volumes of Records of Passengers, 1848 to 1869; 95 volumes of Arrivals at Boston, 1863 to 1891; 3 volumes of Registry of Vessels; and 1 volume of Arrivals at Newburyport, Gloucester, Marblehead, New Bedford and Provincetown.

As these volumes are arranged chronologically, without indices, a search for an arrival cannot be made unless the name

of the vessel or the approximate date of arrival is given, as in many cases the lists for one year number several hundred sheets.

Gifts.

Through the courtesy of the State Librarian, Mr. Redstone, "A true account for doctoring Aaron Stebbins, a soldier, enlisted into Capt. Langdon's company, Colonel Danielson's regiment [1775]," has been received from Mrs. Anna Morris Perry of Hartford, Conn.

Photostatic copies of the Bulkeley Papers in the Lancaster Historical Society have been obtained through the courtesy of Mr. George H. Gardner; also of military commissions of Capt. Charles Bulkeley from originals in possession of Messrs. Percy A. Atherton and Frank B. Priest; of the index sheets of material in the Connecticut State Library relating to the Connecticut-Massachusetts boundary, from Dr. George S. Godard, State Librarian; and of "A list of Indian place names in New England," from William Brooks Cabot, C.E.

Province Laws.

Volume XXI, the last of the series, having been printed, has been distributed by the Document Division, and a work commenced in 1866 is now completed.

House Journals, 1715–80.

Volume III, 1721–22, reprinted by the Massachusetts Historical Society, has been purchased, and distributed by the Document Division, the number having been reduced to 300 copies by chapter 164, Acts of 1922.

Vital Records prior to 1850.

The Records of Deerfield and Mendon have been purchased from Mr. Thomas W. Baldwin, under chapter 16, Resolves of 1922, and have been distributed by the Document Division.

Under chapter 199, Acts of 1922, the number of copies has been reduced to 350, and the mailing list has been revised accordingly.

Several volumes are now ready for printing under the Old Rules and a revised Circular of Information is being prepared to meet new conditions.

More or less dissatisfaction having arisen in the past over the copying of town and church records, the matter of photostating them in this Division, while temporarily in the custody of the Secretary, is now being considered.

New Quarters.

The addition of Rooms 439 and 440 should have solved the question of housing the archives collection, which has no equal in this country, either in legal, historical or commercial value, but at best the quarters are only a makeshift, and at first opportunity the collection should be removed to fireproof quarters, with good natural light, running water, etc., large enough to hold properly the contents of Rooms 46, 437, 438, 439 and 440, and allow for proper expansion.

Public Document Division.

(Room 118.)

During the year 1922 the following publications were received for distribution through the Public Document Division: 107,500 volumes of the Public Document Series, representing 91 reports of the several State departments, boards and commissions, printed under the direction of the Secretary; 17,000 copies of the pamphlet edition of the session laws; 11,000 copies of the bound edition of the session laws, commonly called the Blue Book; 750 copies each of the Senate and House Journals, total, 1,500 copies; 454 copies each of the Term Reports, Nos. 236, 237 and 238, total, 1,362 copies; 750 copies of the Fifty-fifth Annual Encampment, Department of Massachusetts, G. A. R.; 600 copies of the Executive Council report on the return of votes for State officers, 1922; 1,000 copies of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; 200 copies of the Report of Cases under the Workmen's Compensation Act determined on appeal by the Supreme Judicial Court, Jan. 1, 1921, to Dec. 31, 1921, being Bulletin No. 22 of the Industrial Accident Board; 300 copies of the Journals of the House of Representatives, Vol. 3, 1721–22; 500 copies of

the Temporary Index to the General Laws; 1,000 copies of the Annual Proceedings, The American Legion, Department of Massachusetts, 1921; 500 copies of Forging the Sword; 500 copies of Dear Old "K"; 850 copies of the Acts and Resolves of the Province of Massachusetts Bay, Vol. 21; 500 copies each of the Vital Records of Mendon and Deerfield; 1,500 copies of the Opinions of the Attorneys-General, Vol. 5, 1917–20, — making a grand total of 147,062 volumes received in this Division during the year.

As the General Laws provide that public documents shall be distributed by the Department of the Secretary, the mailing lists formerly maintained by the different departments for the distribution of their annual reports, were taken over by this Division during the year.

A careful checking of these lists has eliminated many obsolete names and addresses, and careful attention to them in the future will result in an appreciable saving in time and money.

Division of Public Records.

(Room 252.)

Inspections.

Inspections of the care, custody, condition and protection against fire of the public records of the departments and offices of the counties, cities and towns have been made during the year 1922 in the following 148 places: Acton, Alford, Andover, Ashburnham, Ashby, Ashfield, Athol, Attleboro, Auburn, Avon, Barnstable, Barre, Bellingham, Berkley, Berlin, Bernardston, Blackstone, Blandford, Bolton, Bourne, Boxford, Braintree, Brewster, Brookfield, Buckland, Carver, Chatham, Chelsea, Chesterfield, Colrain, Cummington, Dana, Deerfield, Dennis, Dighton, Douglas, East Brookfield, Eastham, Easton, Egremont, Enfield, Everett, Falmouth, Fitchburg, Florida, Foxborough, Franklin, Freetown, Gardner, Goshen, Granville, Great Barrington, Greenwich, Hadley, Halifax, Hanson, Harvard, Harwich, Hatfield, Hawley, Heath, Holbrook, Holland, Hopedale, Hubbardston, Hudson, Kingston, Lakeville, Lancaster, Lawrence, Leicester, Leominster, Leverett, Leyden, Lowell, Lunenburg, Mansfield, Mashpee, Maynard, Medway, Mendon, Methuen, Middleborough, Milford, Millbury, Millville, Mon-

roe, Monterey, Mount Washington, New Braintree, New Marlborough, New Salem, North Andover, North Attleborough, North Brookfield, Northampton, Northfield, Norton, Orleans, Pembroke, Peru, Petersham, Phillipston, Plainfield, Plainville, Plymouth, Plympton, Prescott, Princeton, Provincetown, Randolph, Raynham, Rehoboth, Rochester, Rowe, Royalston, Sandisfield, Sandwich, Seekonk, Sharon, Sheffield, Shelburne, Shirley, Shutesbury, Somerset, Stoughton, Stow, Sturbridge, Sudbury, Sutton, Swansea, Templeton, Tolland, Townsend, Truro, Warwick, Wayland, Wellfleet, Wendell, West Brookfield, Westminster, Weymouth, Wilbraham, Williamsburg, Winchendon, Worthington, Wrentham, Yarmouth.

These inspections made by the Supervisor under the provisions of General Laws, chapter 66, section 1, show very crowded conditions in many of our cities and towns, which can be eliminated only by building new vaults. The Supervisor has given his approval for six new safes and four vaults for the preservation of records. In several cases, safes and vaults were found unlocked and open, and many record books outside the safes or vaults.

The Supervisor urged the selectmen and recording officials to greater responsibility in care and custody of their records.

New Town Halls.

The new town halls at Athol, Blandford, Douglas and Granville are fast nearing completion, and will soon be ready for occupancy. Dover's new town hall, a beautiful building of southern colonial type, is completed, and the town offices have all moved in. Alterations have been started on the Great Barrington town hall.

Two town halls have been condemned by State building inspectors during the year.

Repairing and Binding.

Records have been repaired and rebound during the year for the towns of West Springfield and Duxbury, and for the registries of deeds at Plymouth, Middlesex and Dukes; also maps and plans mounted and bound for the registries of deeds at Plymouth, Taunton, Lowell, Worcester, Springfield, Northampton, Greenfield and New Bedford.

Fires.

On April 1, 1922, fire damaged the building in which was the Northern District Court of Essex at Haverhill, Mass., but none of the records sustained any damage.

Typewriter Ribbons and Stamping Pads.

One additional typewriter ribbon has been approved during the year. No additional stamping pads have been approved. A printed list of typewriter ribbons and stamping pads will be published later for distribution.

Division of the Census.

(Room 256.)

General Laws, chapter 138, section 14, provides for the taking of a census of the temporary or summer residents in certain towns, to determine the number of licenses which may be issued therein for the sale of certain non-intoxicating beverages. In accordance with said provisions a special census of the temporary or summer residents of the town of Hull was taken in June, 1922, and a report of the census was filed with the selectmen of the town on June 28, 1922.

The State Census Director had general charge of the purchase of paper used in the execution of the contract for State printing during the past year.

Under the provisions of chapter 545, of the Acts of 1922, the purchase of paper is transferred to the Commission on Administration and Finance.

Returns under the Lobby Act.

Under what is known as the Lobby Act (General Laws, chapter 3, sections 39 to 50, inclusive), 329 entries were made upon the dockets of legislative counsel and agents, — a decrease of 40 as compared with 1921. Returns were received at this office covering 306 of these entries. Of those received it became the duty of the Secretary to transmit 16 to the Attorney-General for his information, 9 appearing to be irregular or defective, and 7 being received after the expiration of the time limit. The 23 cases of delinquency were reported to the Attorney-

General, as required by law. Three returns were also transmitted to the Attorney-General where the counsel or agent employed had not previously registered upon the docket.

The total amount returned to this office as having been paid on account of the employment of legislative counsel and agents was $117,306.69, in addition to which annual salaries or retainers, unapportioned, were reported to the amount of $44,910.

Proclamations.

The proclamations of His Excellency the Governor for the observance of Lincoln Day, Arbor and Bird Day, Flag Day and Thanksgiving Day were printed and distributed under the direction of this office.

Of the Lincoln Day proclamations 11,000 were given public distribution to the schools, institutions, patriotic societies, postmasters and city and town clerks. Of the Forest Protection Week and Arbor and Bird Day proclamations 11,000 were mailed to the schools, granges, agricultural societies, churches, institutions, postmasters and city and town clerks. Flag Day proclamations to the number of 11,000 were mailed to the schools, postmasters, patriotic societies, churches, institutions and city and town clerks; and 10,000 Thanksgiving Day proclamations were sent to the churches, schools, postmasters and city and town clerks.

In addition to the above, proclamations were printed and distributed as follows: Concerning the Department for Defective Delinquents at the State Farm, 1,000 copies were distributed by the Department of Correction. For setting apart Thursday, April 27, 1922, the one hundredth anniversary of his birth, as Ulysses S. Grant Day, 7,000 copies were distributed to the schools, postmasters, Grand Army of the Republic and city and town clerks. For Fire Prevention Week, October 2 to 9, inclusive, 5,000 copies were distributed by the State Fire Marshal. For the observance of Armistice Day, Nov. 11, 1922, 11,000 copies were distributed to the schools, postmasters, patriotic societies, churches, institutions and city and town clerks.

Concerning the commitment of feeble-minded persons to the Belchertown State School, 150 copies were distributed by the

Department of Mental Diseases. Promulgating the sixty-seventh Article of Amendment to the Constitution, 500 copies were sent to the justices of the Supreme Judicial and Superior Courts, and the city and town clerks.

Proclamations were also issued to the press by the Governor, as follows: concerning The American Legion's efforts to relieve unemployment of ex-service men, March 17; for "Be Kind to Animals Week," April 24 to 29, and Sunday, April 30, as Humane Sunday; and the observance of the two hundredth anniversary of the birth of Samuel Adams, September 27.

Pardons, Requisitions, etc.

The number of pardons made out and issued during the year was 4, 3 of which were under parole conditions; commutations of sentence, 3, 1 of which was sentence of death penalty; respite and extensions thereof from death sentence, 3; remanders to State Prison, 2, to Worcester House of Correction, 1; requisitions upon other States, 220; upon Secretary of the Navy of the United States, 2; extradition requests upon foreign countries, 1; and warrants issued upon requisition from other States, 47.

Rules and Regulations of State Departments.

By chapter 30, section 37, General Laws, certain rules and regulations of departments, commissions, boards or officials vested by law with the power to make and issue rules and regulations general in scope, and to be observed or performed under penalty for the violation thereof, shall not take effect until attested copies thereof have been filed with the Secretary of the Commonwealth. Under this law rules and regulations were filed by the following departments during the year 1922: —

Department of Banking and Insurance.
Department of Civil Service and Registration.
Department of Conservation.
Department of Labor and Industries.
Department of Public Health.
Department of Public Safety.
Department of Public Works.

Miscellaneous.

The four reports from this office which form a part of the Public Document series, namely, Return of Births, Marriages and Deaths (Public Document, No. 1), Abstract of Certificates of Corporations (Public Document No. 10), Returns of Assessed Polls, Registered Voters and Persons who voted, etc. (Public Document No. 43), and Information relative to Voluntary Associations owning or controlling Public Service Corporations (Public Document No. 101), have been made, as required by law.

FREDERIC W. COOK,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Returns of Votes on Questions of Acceptance or Rejection of Certain Acts passed by the General Court, 1922.

Returns from Cities and Towns relative to Action taken under Certain Provisions of the General Law.

When received.	City or Town.	Subject and Reference.	Action.	Date of Action.
1921.				
July 8	Lynn	Division of wards into voting precincts, G. L. 54, § 10	Accepted	Jan. 25, 1921
Dec. 28	Walpole	Establishment of new precincts, G. L. 54, § 6	Accepted	Dec. 9, 1921
Dec. 28	Bellingham	Precinct voting in town elections, G. L. 39, § 20	Accepted	Dec. 19, 1921
Dec. 28	Bellingham	Establishment of new precincts, G. L. 54, § 6	Accepted	Dec. 19, 1921
Dec. 31	Belmont	Division of town into voting precincts, G. L. 54, § 4	Accepted	June 15, 1920
1922.				
Jan. 7	Wakefield	Appointment and removal of assistant assessors, G. L. 41, § 25A	Accepted	May 9, 1921
Jan. 9	Wellesley	Precinct voting for town officials at annual election, 1913, 835, § 421	Accepted	Mar. 23, 1920
Jan. 9	Wellesley	Precinct voting for town officials at special elections, G. L. 39, § 20	Accepted	Jan. 2, 1922
Jan. 9	Wellesley	Planning board, G. L. 41, § 70	Accepted	Jan. 2, 1922
Jan. 9	Natick	Precinct voting at town elections, 1894, 132	Accepted	Mar. 22, 1906
Jan. 9	Chelmsford	Precinct voting at town elections, 1913, 835, § 421	Accepted	Dec. 17, 1920
Jan. 10	South Hadley	Precinct voting at town elections, 1913, 835, § 421	Accepted	Jan. 28, 1916
Jan. 10	Great Barrington	Precinct voting at town elections, 1907, 560, § 381	Accepted	Mar. 10, 1910
Jan. 13	Dartmouth	Division of town into voting precincts, G. L. 54, § 4	Accepted	Mar. 8, 1921
Jan. 14	New Bedford	Removal of combustible materials, G. L. 148, § 6	Accepted	Jan. 13, 1922
Jan. 25	Dracut	Precinct voting for town officials, G. L. 39, § 20	Accepted	Jan. 23, 1922
Jan. 28	Waltham	Division of Ward 2 into two precincts, G. L. 54, § 10	Accepted	June 27, 1921
Feb. 8	Springfield	Board of survey, G. L. 41, § 73	Accepted	Feb. 6, 1922
Feb. 8	Eastham	Appointment and removal of assistant assessors, G. L. 41, § 25A	Accepted	Feb. 6, 1922
Feb. 8	Holbrook	Precinct voting at town elections, G. L. 39, § 20	Accepted	Feb. 6, 1922
Feb. 9	Dracut	Selectmen to act as board of health, G. L. 41, § 21	Accepted	Feb. 6, 1922
Feb. 9	Dracut	Primaries for town officials, G. L. 53, § 56	Accepted	Feb. 6, 1922
Feb. 13	Rutland	Public parks, G. L. 45, §§ 1–9	Accepted	"In Dec.,1921"
Feb. 13	Rutland	Appointment and removal of assistant assessors, G. L. 41, § 25A	Accepted	Feb. 6, 1922
Feb. 14	Maynard	Appointment and removal of assistant assessors, G. L. 41, § 25A	Accepted	Feb. 13, 1922
Feb. 16	Leverett	Appointment and removal of assistant assessors, G. L. 41, § 25A	Rejected	Feb. 6, 1922
Feb. 16	Sutton	Appointment and removal of assistant assessors, G. L. 41, § 25A	Rejected	Feb. 6, 1921
Mar. 3	Swampscott	Precinct voting for town officials at annual elections, G. L. 39, § 20	Accepted	Dec. 30, 1921
Mar. 3	Swampscott	Precinct voting for town officials at special elections, G. L. 39, § 20	Accepted	Feb. 20, 1922
Mar. 10	Georgetown	Appointment and removal of assistant assessors, G. L. 41, § 25A	Accepted	Mar. 6, 1922
Mar. 10	Georgetown	Fire prevention, G. L. 148, § 6	Accepted	Mar. 6, 1922
Mar. 10	Stoneham	Appointment and removal of assistant assessors, G. L. 41, § 25A	Accepted	Mar. 6, 1922
Mar. 10	Uxbridge	Appointment and removal of assistant assessors, G. L. 41, § 25A	Accepted	Mar. 26, 1921

Returns from Cities and Towns relative to Action taken under Certain Provisions of the General Law — Concluded.

When received.	City or Town.	Subject and Reference.	Action.	Date of Action.
1922.				
Mar. 13	Berlin	Appointment and removal of assistant assessors, G. L. 41, § 25A	Rejected	Feb. 6, 1922
Mar. 15	Norwood	Appointment and removal of assistant assessors, G. L. 41, § 25A	Accepted	Mar. 13, 1922
Mar. 15	Somerset	Appointment and removal of assistant assessors, G. L. 41, § 25A	Accepted	Mar. 6, 1922
Mar. 15	Bolton	Appointment and removal of assistant assessors, G. L. 41, § 25A	Accepted	Feb. 6, 1922
Mar. 16	Rockport	Appointment and removal of assistant assessors, G. L. 41, § 25A	Accepted	May 20, 1921
Mar. 17	Clerk, Board of Election Commissioners, Cambridge.	Division of Wards 5, 8, 10 and 11 into new voting precincts, G. L. 54, § 10	Accepted	Mar. 6, 1922
Mar. 18	Boylston	Amateur athletic outdoor sports or games permitted on Lord's Day, G. L. 136, §§ 21–28	Accepted	Mar. 6, 1922
Mar. 25	New Bedford	Division of precinct 6A into two precincts, G. L. 54, § 2, amended by 1921, 220	Accepted	Mar. 22, 1922
Mar. 27	Nahant	Eight-hour day for certain public employees, G. L. 149, § 30	Accepted	Mar. 18, 1922
Mar. 27	Nahant	Licenses for plumbers and supervision of plumbing, G. L. 142, §§ 1, 3, 6, 7, and 11–16	Accepted	Mar. 18, 1922
Mar. 27	Nahant	Appointment of police by selectmen, G. L. 41, § 97	Accepted	Mar. 18, 1922
Mar. 27	Nahant	Prevention of fires, G. L. 148, § 6	Accepted	Mar. 18, 1922
Mar. 27	Nahant	Pensions for police and firemen, G. L. 32, § 85	Accepted	Mar. 18, 1922
Mar. 27	Nahant	Privy vaults, G. L. 111, § 126	Accepted	Mar. 18, 1922
Mar. 28	Winchester	Appointment and removal of assistant assessors, G. L. 41, § 25A	Accepted	Mar. 9, 1922
Mar. 31	Peabody	Purchasing agent, G. L. 41, §§ 103, 104	Accepted	Mar. 24. 1922
Apr. 1	Wellesley	Civil service for firemen, G. L. 31, § 48	Accepted	Mar. 27, 1922
Apr. 1	Westport	License for slaughterhouses, G. L. 94, § 120	Accepted	Mar. 14, 1922
Apr. 4	Medford	Division of Wards 1, 2 and 6 into new precincts, G. L. 54, § 10	Accepted	Mar. 23, 1922
Apr. 4	Swansea	Amateur athletic outdoor sports or games permitted on Lord's Day, G. L. 136, §§ 21–28	Accepted	Mar. 6, 1922
Apr. 4	Swansea	License for slaughterhouses, G. L. 94, § 120	Accepted	Mar. 6. 1922
Apr. 4	Dedham	Precinct voting for town officers, 1913, 835, Part 5, § 421	Accepted	Jan. 13, 1918
Apr. 6	Framingham	Establishment of building line, G. L. 82, § 37	Accepted	Mar. 29, 1922
Apr. 6	Framingham	Appointment of permanent chief of fire department, G. L. 48, §§ 42–44	Accepted	Mar. 15, 1922
Apr. 21	Holyoke	Building line on public ways, G. L. 82, § 37	Accepted	Apr. 18, 1922
Apr. 27	Oxford	Division of town into voting precincts, G. L. 54, § 4	Accepted	Mar. 6, 1922
Apr. 28	Sherborn	Division of town into voting precincts, G. L. 54, § 6	Accepted	Mar. 6, 1922
May 20	Natick	Establishment of new precincts, G. L. 54, § 10	Accepted	Feb. 23, 1922
May 22	Newburyport	Eight-hour day for laborers, etc., 1899, 344 as amended by 1900, 357	Accepted	Dec. 11, 1900
May 25	Andover	Establishment of new precincts, G. L. 54, § 10	Accepted	Nov. 1, 1921
June 10	Attleboro	Removal of combustibles, G. L. 148, § 6	Accepted	May 27, 1922
June 15	Holyoke	Division of wards into new precincts, G. L. 54, § 10	Accepted	June 7, 1922

June 19	Framingham	Division of voting precincts, G. L. 54, § 7	Accepted	June 12, 1922
June 27	Newton	Establishment of new precincts, G. L. 54, § 6	Accepted	Mar. 6, 1922
June 27	Groton	Division of town into voting precincts, G. L. 54, § 6	Accepted	Apr. 7, 1922
July 12	Lowell	Division of wards into new precincts, G. L. 54, § 10	Accepted	Apr. 3, 1922
July 12	Lexington	Establishment of new precincts, G. L. 54, § 10	Accepted	May 2, 1922
July 17	Haverhill	Pensions for laborers, G. L. 32, § 77	Accepted	July 14, 1922
Aug. 23	Wakefield	Building line on public ways, G. L. 82, § 37	Accepted	Aug. 21, 1922
Aug. 25	Southborough	Division of town into voting precincts, G. L. 54, § 6	Accepted	Mar. 6, 1922
Oct. 13	Boston	Retirement and pension of veterans in Suffolk County, G. L. 32, §§ 56–60	Accepted	Oct. 10, 1922
Oct. 23	Auburn	Establishment of new precinct, G. L. 54, § 10	Accepted	Aug. 8, 1922
Nov. 8	Wakefield	Two-platoon system in fire department, G. L. 48, § 59	Accepted	Nov. 7, 1922
Nov. 9	Lowell	Question on adoption of Plan B under G. L. 43 (City Charters)	Accepted	Nov. 7, 1922
Nov. 9	Malden	Two-platoon system in fire department, G. L. 48, § 59	Accepted	Nov. 7, 1922
Nov. 13	Waltham	Two-platoon system in fire department, G. L. 48, § 59	Accepted	Nov. 7, 1922
Nov. 13	Waltham	Question on adoption of Plan B under G. L. 43 (City Charters)	Accepted	Nov. 7, 1922
Nov. 13	Winchester	Two-platoon system in fire department, G. L. 48, § 59	Rejected	Nov. 7, 1922
Nov. 15	Gloucester	Two-platoon system in fire department, G. L. 48, § 59	Rejected	Nov. 7, 1922
Nov. 15	Belmont	Two-platoon system in fire department, G. L. 48, § 59	Accepted	Nov. 7, 1922
Nov. 15	Gloucester	Question on adoption of Plan B under G. L. 43 (City Charters)	Rejected	Nov. 7, 1922
Nov. 16	North Adams	Two-platoon system in fire department, G. L. 48, § 59	Accepted	Nov. 7, 1922
Nov. 16	Beverly	Appointment of election officers, G. L. 54, § 11	Accepted	Nov. 8, 1922
Nov. 18	Springfield	Question on adoption of Plan B under G. L. 43 (City Charters)	Rejected	Nov. 7, 1922

Returns relative to the Acceptance or Rejection of Certain Spe^'al Acts passed by the General Court and referred to the Voters, to the County Commissioners of a County, to the City Council of a City, or to the Selectmen of a Town.

When received.	From whom received.	Title of Act.	Date of Action.	Vote.	
				Yes.	No.
1922.					
Jan. 3	Town Clerk, Greenfield	An Act providing for precinct voting, representative town meetings, town meeting members, a referendum and an annual moderator in the town of Greenfield [1921, 440]	Sept. 1, 1921	–[1]	–
Jan. 6	City Clerk, Lynn	An Act relative to appropriations for school purposes in the city of Lynn [1921, 234]	Dec. 13, 1921	11,650	7,500
Jan. 14	City Clerk, Boston	An Act to place certain employees of the election department of the city of Boston under the civil service law [1920, 305]	Jan. 13, 1922	–[2]	–
Jan. 23	Town Clerk, Winchester	An Act authorizing the construction of a new bridge over Aberjona river at Bacon street in the town of Winchester, and apportioning the expense thereof [1921, 421]	June 23, 1921	–	–[3]
Jan. 24	Town Clerk, Medfield	An Act authorizing the town of Medfield to supply itself and its inhabitants with water [1921, 205]	Apr. 7, 1921	–[1]	–
Feb. 14	Town Clerk, Lexington	An Act authorizing the selectmen of the town of Lexington to act as a board of public works exercising the powers of certain other boards and town officers [1922, 1]	Feb. 6, 1922	436	252
Feb. 20	City Clerk, Lowell	An Act relative to the time during which the polls shall be kept open at preliminary elections in the city of Lowell [1922, 26]	Feb. 16, 1922	–[2]	–
Feb. 21	City Clerk, Cambridge	An Act authorizing the city of Cambridge to pay a sum of money to the widow of James T. McCabe [1922, 11]	Feb. 17, 1922	–[2]	–
Mar. 9	City Clerk, Holyoke	An Act authorizing the city of Holyoke to pay a sum of money to the widow of Edward W. Clancy [1922, 105]	Mar. 7, 1922	–[2]	–
Mar. 9	City Clerk, Holyoke	An Act authorizing the city of Holyoke to pay a sum of money to the widow of Jeremiah J. Lennehan [1922, 106]	Mar. 7, 1922	–[2]	–
Mar. 9	City Clerk, Holyoke	An Act authorizing the city of Holyoke to pay a pension to Anna Keyes [1922, 107]	Mar. 7, 1922	–[2]	–
Mar. 25	Town Clerk, Gardner	An Act to incorporate the city of Gardner [1921, 119]	Mar. 6, 1922	2,229	1,414
Mar. 27	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the county of Suffolk to pension Adeline F. D. Elkins [1922, 167]	Mar. 24, 1922	–[4]	–
Mar. 28	Town Clerk, Winchester	An Act providing for the submission of certain votes and motions for referendum in the town of Winchester [1922, 32]	Mar. 6, 1922	–[1]	–
Apr. 6	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the city of Boston to pay a sum of money to the mother of Arthur B. McGill [1922, 70]	Apr. 4, 1922	–[2]	–
Apr. 14	City Clerk, Boston	An Act extending the provisions of an act to authorize the city of Boston to pension the widow of Daniel T. Dineen [1922, 195]	Apr. 11, 1922	–[2]	–

Apr. 17	City Clerk, Peabody	An Act placing under the civil service laws the office of city electrician in the city of Peabody [1922, 211]	Apr. 13, 1922	–[2]	–
Apr. 17	City Clerk, Cambridge	An Act authorizing the city of Cambridge to pension Catherine E. Stevens [1922, 165]	Apr. 14, 1922	–[2]	–
Apr. 21	City Clerk, Holyoke	An Act relative to the water department of the city of Holyoke [1922, 109]	Apr. 18, 1922	–[2]	–
Apr. 21	City Clerk, Holyoke	An Act establishing a municipal gas and electric commission in the city of Holyoke [1922, 173]	Apr. 18, 1922	–[5]	–
Apr. 26	City Clerk, Boston	An Act providing for an eighth assistant clerk of the municipal court of the city of Boston for civil business [1922, 309]	Apr. 25, 1922	–[4]	–
Apr. 27	Town Clerk, Dedham	An Act extending the provisions of the civil service laws to the chief of the fire department of the town of Dedham [1922, 38]	Apr. 3, 1922	645	51
Apr. 28	Clerk, The Duxbury Fire and Water District.	An Act to authorize the Duxbury Fire and Water District to retire certain bonds and to provide for an extension of its territory [Special Acts, 1915, 290]	Apr. 8, 1922	–[1]	–
May 4	City Clerk, Worcester	An Act relative to the payment of rental by the trustees of the Worcester State Hospital to the city of Worcester for the use of its sewerage system [Special Acts, 1919, 165]	Apr. 27, 1922	–[6]	–
May 4	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the city of Boston to pay a sum of money to the father of Robert L. Sheehan [1922, 254]	May 2, 1922	–[2]	–
May 5	City Clerk, Haverhill	An Act authorizing the city of Haverhill to pay a sum of money to Eileen Burke [1922, 283]	May 4, 1922	–[2]	–
May 5	City Clerk, Haverhill	An Act authorizing the city of Haverhill to pension Harry L. Cook [1922, 16]	Feb. 6, 1922	–[7]	–
May 19	City Clerk, Holyoke	An Act establishing a parks and recreation commission in the city of Holyoke [1922, 115]	May 18, 1922	–[2]	–
May 19	City Clerk, Boston	An Act relative to garages in the city of Boston [1922, 316]	May 17, 1922	–[2]	–
May 19	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the city of Boston to pension Michael Bath [1922, 369]	May 17, 1922	–[2]	–
May 25	Town Clerk, Winchester	An Act authorizing the construction of a new bridge over Aberjona river at Bacon street in the town of Winchester, and apportioning the expense thereof [1921, 421, as amended by 1922, 374]	May 22, 1922	–[1]	–
May 27	Clerk, County Commissioners of Middlesex County.	An Act authorizing the construction of a new bridge over Aberjona river at Bacon street in the town of Winchester, and apportioning the expense thereof [1921, 421, as amended by 1922, 374]	May 23, 1922	–[8]	–
May 31	Secretary, County Commissioners of Essex County.	An Act authorizing the county of Essex to construct a highway in the town of Newbury [1922, 470]	May 26, 1922	–[9]	–
May 31	Secretary, County Commissioners of Essex County.	An Act establishing the salary of the trial justice of the town of Methuen [1922, 364]	May 19, 1922	–[9]	–
May 31	Secretary, County Commissioners of Essex County.	An Act providing for the resurfacing of a highway in the city of Gloucester [1922, 425]	May 23, 1922	–[9]	–

[1] Accepted, affirmative and negative votes not returned.
[2] Accepted by city council.
[3] Motion made to accept; act was lost and matter was not taken up again before the time for expiration in the statute.
[4] Accepted by the city council of Boston.
[5] Accepted by the board of aldermen.
[6] Accepted by mayor and city council.
[7] Accepted by the municipal council.
[8] Accepted by the Middlesex County Commissioners.
[9] Accepted by the Essex County Commissioners.

Returns relative to the Acceptance or Rejection of Certain Special Acts passed by the General Court and referred to the Voters, to the County Commissioners of a County, to the City Council of a City, or to the Selectmen of a Town — Continued.

When received.	From whom received.	Title of Act.	Date of Action.	Vote.	
				Yes.	No.
1922.					
June 9	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the county of Suffolk to pension Mary M. FitzSimmons [1922, 454]	June 7, 1922	–[1]	–
June 9	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the county of Suffolk and the Commonwealth to pension Michael F. Meagher [1922, 267]	June 7, 1922	–[1]	–
June 12	Secretary, County Commissioners of Essex County.	An Act providing for the rebuilding by the county of Essex of the westerly abutment of the bridge over the Powow river in the town of Amesbury [1922, 201]	June 9, 1922	–[2]	–
June 12	Chairman, County Commissioners of Middlesex County.	An Act establishing the Walden Pond State Reservation in the county of Middlesex [1922, 499]	June 9, 1922	–[3]	–
June 20	Town Clerk, Framingham	An Act to authorize the town of Framingham to collect annual charges or rents for the use of its system of sewage disposal and sewers connected therewith [1897, 214]	June 12, 1922	117	–
June 21	City Clerk, Haverhill	An Act providing for the reconstruction of Haverhill Lower Bridge over the Merrimack river at Main street in the city of Haverhill [1922, 507]	June 19, 1922	–[4]	–
June 25	Secretary, County Commissioners of Essex County.	An Act providing for the reconstruction of Haverhill Lower Bridge over the Merrimack river at Main street in the city of Haverhill [1922, 507]	June 20, 1922	–[2]	–
July 1	City Clerk, Cambridge	An Act authorizing the city of Cambridge to pension Charlotte E. Stewart [1922, 446]	June 30, 1922	–[5]	–
July 14	Secretary, County Commissioners of Essex County.	An Act providing for the construction of a sea wall, park and roadway along a portion of Western avenue in the city of Gloucester [1922, 502]	July 11, 1922	–[2]	–
July 28	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the appointment of an additional court officer for the municipal court of the Roxbury district of the city of Boston [1922, 299]	June 30, 1922	–[6]	–
July 28	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the city of Boston to pay a sum of money to the parents of John Joseph Kelley [1922, 527]	July 25, 1922	–[5]	–
July 28	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the city of Boston to pay a sum of money to the sister of the late Daniel J. McShane [1922, 528]	July 25, 1922	–[5]	–
July 31	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the city of Boston to pay a sum of money to William Segal [1922, 536]	July 28, 1922	–[5]	–
Aug. 23	City Clerk, Boston	An Act providing retirement allowances based on annuity and pension contributions for employees of the city of Boston or of the county of Suffolk [1922, 521]	Aug. 22, 1922	–[7]	–
Aug. 24	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the city of Boston to pay a certain claim of the Atlas Construction Company [1922, 207]	Aug. 23, 1922	–[8]	–

Sept. 21	Chairman, County Commissioners of Hampden County.	An Act authorizing the county of Hampden to pension George Leonard [1922, 138]	Sept. 29, 1922	–[8]	–
Oct. 27	Town Clerk, Hull	An Act authorizing the town of Hull to construct and operate an additional system of sewers [1922, 429]	Sept. 29, 1922	–[9]	–
Nov. 13	City Clerk, Marlborough	An Act amending the charter of the city of Marlborough [1922, 275]	Nov. 7, 1922	1,915	1,591
Nov. 14	City Clerk, Pittsfield	An Act providing for biennial municipal elections and abolishing the board of commissioners of the sinking fund in the city of Pittsfield [1922, 188]	Nov. 7, 1922	4,588	6,646
Nov. 15	Town Clerk, West Springfield	An Act providing for precinct voting, representative town meetings, town meeting members, a referendum and an annual moderator in the town of West Springfield [1922, 311]	Nov. 7, 1922	1,487	546
Nov. 15	Chairman, County Commissioners of Worcester County.	An Act providing for the improvement of the highway between the Grafton State Hospital and the village of North Grafton [1922, 539]	Nov. 10, 1922	–[10]	–
Nov. 16	City Clerk, Fall River	An Act providing for biennial municipal elections in the city of Fall River [1922, 238]	Nov. 7, 1922	6,742	12,018
Nov. 16	City Clerk, Melrose	An Act relative to biennial municipal elections in the city of Melrose [1922, 431]	Nov. 7, 1922	3,240	1,169
Nov. 16	City Clerk, Beverly	An Act providing for a preliminary election for the choice of municipal officers in the city of Beverly	Nov. 7, 1922	2,362	1,913
Nov. 16	City Clerk, Beverly	An Act authorizing the city of Beverly to pay a sum of money to the estate of Patrick Gallagher for taxes erroneously assessed and collected [1922, 87]	Nov. 8, 1922	–[5]	–
Nov. 17	City Clerk, Lynn	An Act relative to the salary of the member of the commission on ways and drainage in the city of Lynn who is elected by and from the city council	Nov. 7, 1922	5,601	11,532
Nov. 20	City Clerk, Westfield	An Act placing the fire department of the city of Westfield under the charge of a commission appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the city council [1922, 506]	Nov. 7, 1922	1,533	1,331
Nov. 25	Chairman, County Commissioners of Middlesex County.	An Act providing for the widening by the county of Middlesex of Bridge street in the city of Cambridge [1922, 504]	Sept. 5, 1922	–[3]	–
Dec. 9	Clerk, Warren Water District	An Act to establish the Warren Water District [1920, 390]	Apr. 27, 1921	–[11]	–
Dec. 26	Town Clerk, Braintree	An Act authorizing the town of Braintree to pay a sum of money to the widow of Louis N. Goodhue [1922, 55]	Mar. 13, 1922	–[9]	–
Dec. 26	Clerk, County Commissioners of Plymouth County.	An Act authorizing the county of Plymouth to incur indebtedness for the repair or reconstruction of Union bridge over North river between the towns of Marshfield and Norwell [1922, 424]	Aug. 1, 1922	–[12]	–
Dec. 27	Selectmen, Marshfield	An Act authorizing the county of Plymouth to incur indebtedness for the repair or reconstruction of Union bridge over North river between the towns of Marshfield and Norwell [1922, 424]	Aug. 12, 1922	–[13]	–

[1] Accepted by the city council of Boston.
[2] Accepted by the Essex County Commissioners.
[3] Accepted by the Middlesex County Commissioners.
[4] Accepted by the municipal council.
[5] Accepted by city council.
[6] Accepted by the mayor of the city of Boston.
[7] Accepted by the mayor and city council.
[8] Accepted by the Hampden County Commissioners.
[9] Accepted, affirmative and negative votes not returned.
[10] Accepted by the Worcester County Commissioners.
[11] Accepted by unanimous vote.
[12] Accepted by the Plymouth County Commissioners.
[13] Accepted by the board of selectmen.

Returns relative to the Acceptance or Rejection of Certain Special Acts passed by the General Court and referred to the Voters, to the County Commissioners of a County, to the City Council of a City, or to the Selectmen of a Town — Concluded.

When received.	From whom received.	Title of Act.	Date of Action.	Vote.	
				Yes.	No.
1922.					
Dec. 27	Town Clerk, Framingham	An Act authorizing the town of Framingham to pension Adoniram J. Hemenway [1922, 453]	July 7, 1922	–[1]	–
Dec. 28	Town Clerk, Saugus	An Act authorizing the town of Saugus to pay a pension to Justin E. Mansfield [1922, 62]	Mar. 6, 1922	875	711
Dec. 28	Town Clerk, North Attleborough	An Act to establish a town manager form of government for the town of North Attleborough [1922, 500]	Oct. 3, 1922	483	1,857
Dec. 28	City Clerk, Worcester	An Act providing for municipal primaries in the city of Worcester [1922, 276]	Dec. 12, 1922	19,853	10,997
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Norwell	An Act authorizing the county of Plymouth to incur indebtedness for the repair or reconstruction of Union bridge over North river between the towns of Marshfield and Norwell [1922, 424]	July 1, 1922	–[2]	–

[1] The article in the warrant to accept the act was "dismissed" by 63 yeas and 48 nays.

[2] Accepted by the board of selectmen.

Returns of Votes cast upon the Question of the Acceptance or Rejection of Section 1 of Chapter 516 of the Acts of 1922, being "An Act requiring Certain Cities and Towns to vote on the Question of the Installation by the Commonwealth of a Municipal Accounting System," submitted to the Voters of the following-named Cities of the Commonwealth at their City Elections held in December, 1922.

Name of City.	Date of Action.	Result of Action.	Yes.	No.
Beverly	December 19, 1922	Rejected	1,811	2,670
Boston	December 12, 1922	Accepted	27,474	14,430
Chelsea	December 12, 1922	Accepted	3,313	1,421
Fall River	December 5, 1922	Rejected	8,450	9,768
Holyoke	December 5, 1922	Accepted	5,422	2,970
Leominster	December 5, 1922	Accepted	1,397	762
Marlborough	December 5, 1922	Accepted	1,983	992
New Bedford	December 5, 1922	Accepted	10,352	6,673
Newburyport	December 5, 1922	Rejected	406	417
Northampton	December 5, 1922	Accepted	3,071	777
Salem	December 5, 1922	Accepted	3,080	1,855
Westfield	December 5, 1922	Accepted	1,517	796
Worcester	December 12, 1922	Accepted	18,454	13,626

Returns of Votes on a Question of Public Policy under the Provisions of Sections 19 to 22, inclusive, of Chapter 53, General Laws, "Shall the Representatives from this District be instructed to support the Passage of an Act at the Incoming Term of the General Court ordering the School Committee of the City of Boston to make effective, during the Current School Year, the Economic Principle of 'Equal Pay for Equal Service and no Further Discrimination because of Sex' in the Matter of Teachers' Salaries in the Schools of Boston?" submitted at the State Election, November 7, 1922, in the following Representative Districts.

First Suffolk Representative District.

Name of City.	Yes.	No.
Boston, Ward 1	2,223	2,483

Second Suffolk Representative District.

Boston, Ward 2	1,671	1,533

Third Suffolk Representative District.

Boston, Ward 3	1,983	1,761

Fourth Suffolk Representative District.

Boston, Ward 4	1,809	1,692

Fifth Suffolk Representative District.

Name of City.	Yes.	No.
Boston, Ward 5	1,839	2,027

Sixth Suffolk Representative District.

Boston, Ward 6	2,282	1,796

Seventh Suffolk Representative District.

Boston, Ward 7	3,881	2,091

Eighth Suffolk Representative District.

Boston, Ward 8	4,011	2,638

Ninth Suffolk Representative District.

Boston, Ward 9	2,102	2,250

Tenth Suffolk Representative District.

Boston, Ward 10	2,654	2,882

Eleventh Suffolk Representative District.

Boston, Ward 11	2,746	2,827

Twelfth Suffolk Representative District.

Boston, Ward 12	2,298	2,185

Thirteenth Suffolk Representative District.

Boston, Ward 13	2,396	1,857

Fourteenth Suffolk Representative District.

Boston, Ward 14	2,663	3,046

Fifteenth Suffolk Representative District.

Boston, Ward 15	2,681	2,918

Sixteenth Suffolk Representative District.

Boston, Ward 16	3,305	2,640

Seventeenth Suffolk Representative District.

Name of City.	Yes.	No.
Boston, Ward 17	3,053	3,361

Eighteenth Suffolk Representative District.

Boston, Ward 18	2,728	3,075

Nineteenth Suffolk Representative District.

Boston, Wards 19, 20	6,657	6,462

Twenty-second Suffolk Representative District.

Boston, Wards 22, 23	6,588	8,406

Twenty-fourth Suffolk Representative District.

Boston, Wards 21, 24	5,887	5,421

Twenty-fifth Suffolk Representative District.

Boston, Ward 25	3,233	2,409

Twenty-sixth Suffolk Representative District.

Boston, Ward 26	2,245	2,214

RETURNS OF VOTES ON THE QUESTION OF GRANTING LICENSES FOR THE SALE OF CERTAIN NON-INTOXICATING BEVERAGES, ETC., 1922.

Returns made by the Several City and Town Clerks to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, in the Year 1922, under the Requirements of Section 11, Chapter 138, General Laws, showing the Vote given at their Last Annual Meeting on the Question, "Shall Licenses be granted for the Sale of Certain Non-Intoxicating Beverages in this City or Town?" etc.

COUNTIES, CITIES AND TOWNS.	First Class.			Second Class.			Third Class.			Fourth Class.			Fifth Class.			Amounts Received for Licenses.	Vote at Last Annual Meeting. Shall Licenses be Granted?	
	No. Issued.	Amounts Received for Same.	No. Revoked.	No. Issued.	Amounts Received for Same.	No. Revoked.	No. Issued.	Amounts Received for Same.	No. Revoked.	No. Issued.	Amounts Received for Same.	No. Revoked.	No. Issued.	Amounts Received for Same.	No. Revoked.		Yes.	No.
BARNSTABLE COUNTY																		
Barnstable	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	481	485
Bourne	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	253	372
Brewster	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	78	43
Chatham	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	147	273
Dennis	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	11	56
Eastham	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	23	8
Falmouth	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	474	496
Harwich	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	157	196
Mashpee	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	34	44
Orleans	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	126	192
Provincetown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	129	166
Sandwich	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	171	207
Truro	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	23	42
Wellfleet	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	74	119
Yarmouth	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	222	178
Totals	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2,403	2,877

BERKSHIRE COUNTY.																		
Adams	–	–	–	–	–	–	3	$3 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	$3 00	1,390	802
Alford	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	10
Becket	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	91	115
Cheshire	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	113	146
Clarksburg	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	46	82
Dalton	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	247	501
Egremont	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	3	$3 00	–	3 00	44	56
Florida	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	34
Great Barrington	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	2 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2 00	599	501
Hancock	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	29	66
Hinsdale	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	22	46
Lanesborough	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	25	54
Lee	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	423	308
Lenox	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	365	310
Monterey	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	13	40
Mount Washington	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	7	2
New Ashford	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	6
New Marlborough	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	89	98
NORTH ADAMS	–	–	–	–	–	–	6	6 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	6 00	2,592	2,063
Otis	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	32	39
Peru	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	3	11
PITTSFIELD	–	–	–	–	–	–	11	11 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	11 00	5,633	5,703
Richmond	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	21	84
Sandisfield	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	45	37
Savoy	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	16	12
Sheffield	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	31	75
Stockbridge	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	140	256
Tyringham	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	10	19
Washington	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–[1]	–
West Stockbridge	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	73	94
Williamstown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	$2,000 00	–	–	–	–	2,000 00	248	377
Windsor	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	19	3
Totals	–	–	–	–	–	–	22	$22 00	–	2	$2,000 00	–	3	$3 00	–	$2,025 00	12,371	11,950

[1] Question not submitted to voters.

Sale of Certain Non-Intoxicating Beverages, etc., 1922 — Continued.

Counties, Cities and Towns.	First Class.			Second Class.			Third Class.			Fourth Class.			Fifth Class.			Amounts Received for Licenses.	Vote at Last Annual Meeting. Shall Licenses be Granted?	
	No. Issued.	Amounts Received for Same.	No. Revoked.	No. Issued.	Amounts Received for Same.	No. Revoked.	No. Issued.	Amounts Received for Same.	No. Revoked.	No. Issued.	Amounts Received for Same.	No. Revoked.	No. Issued.	Amounts Received for Same.	No. Revoked.		Yes.	No.
Bristol County.																		
Acushnet	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	188	194
Attleboro	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	$1 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	$1 00	2,251	2,221
Berkley	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	42	69
Dartmouth	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	257	402
Dighton	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	72	78
Easton	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	489	552
Fairhaven	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	335	516
Fall River	–	–	–	–	–	–	22	22 00[1]	–	1	$250 00	–	2	$2 00	–	274 00	14,653	9,649
Freetown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	54	81
Mansfield	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	577	734
New Bedford	–	–	–	–	–	–	48	48 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	48 00	14,402	6,946
North Attleborough	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1,133	1,118
Norton	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	194	254
Raynham	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	53	85
Rehoboth	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	112	218
Seekonk	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	4	129
Somerset	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	7	36
Swansea	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	130	249
Taunton	–	–	–	–	–	–	10	10 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	10 00	4,120	2,704
Westport	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	214	366
Totals	–	–	–	–	–	–	81	$81 00	–	1	$250 00	–	2	$2 00	–	$333 00	39,287	26,601
Dukes County.																		
Chilmark	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	17
Edgartown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	109	114
Gay Head	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	17	7
Gosnold	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	34	–
Oak Bluffs	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	128	115
Tisbury	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	72	146
West Tisbury	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	7	32
Totals	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	369	431

ESSEX COUNTY.																		
Amesbury	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	$2 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	$2 00	989	1,474
Andover	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1 00	755	1,024
BEVERLY	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2,832	3,381
Boxford	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	20	30
Danvers	–	–	–	–	–	–	4	4 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	4 00	974	1,416
Essex	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	128	218
Georgetown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	117	176
GLOUCESTER	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2,616	3,306
Groveland	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	34	37
Hamilton	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	223	256
HAVERHILL	–	–	–	–	–	–	12	12 00	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	12 00	8,456	5,454
Ipswich	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	2 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2 00	439	598
LAWRENCE	–	–	–	–	–	–	29	29 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	29 00	11,953	4,338
LYNN	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	7,176	6,542
Lynnfield	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	69	63
Manchester	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	279	344
Marblehead	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	723	1,085
Merrimac	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	153	226
Methuen	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1,116	1,397
Middleton	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	121	144
Nahant	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1 00	354	289
Newbury	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	56	94
NEWBURYPORT	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1 00	531	556
North Andover	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	993	1,032
PEABODY	–	–	–	–	–	–	8	8 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	8 00	2,595	2,116
Rockport	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	268	406
Rowley	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	78	204
SALEM	–	–	–	–	–	–	12	12 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	12 00	4,077	3,106
Salisbury	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	206	298
Saugus	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1 00	590	1,193
Swampscott	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	433	1,216
Topsfield	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	68	132
Wenham	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	83	164
West Newbury	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	93	255
Totals	–	–	–	–	–	–	73	$73 00	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	$73 00	49,598	42,570

[1] Two uncalled for.

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Franklin County.																		
Ashfield	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	30	79
Bernardston	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	31	41
Buckland	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	61	77
Charlemont[1]	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Colrain[1]	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Conway	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	77	73
Deerfield	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	120	82
Erving	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	22	23
Gill	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	11	37
Greenfield	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	875	719
Hawley[1]	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Heath	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	4	40
Leverett	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	9	26
Leyden	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	18	30
Monroe[1]	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Montague	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	708	358
New Salem	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	18
Northfield	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	28	92
Orange	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	$2 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	$2 00	492	536
Rowe	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	6	7
Shelburne	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	70	125
Shutesbury	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	5	27
Sunderland	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	11	51
Warwick	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	25	5
Wendell	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	37	35
Whately	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	24	43
Totals	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	$2 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	$2 00	2,664	2,524

HAMPDEN COUNTY.																		
Agawam	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	246	267
Blandford	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	30	86
Brimfield	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	33	90
Chester	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	$1 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	$1 00	105	89
CHICOPEE	–	–	–	–	–	–	5	5 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	5 00	2,703	1,344
East Longmeadow	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	110	239
Granville	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	52	63
Hampden	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	50	50
Holland	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	7	19
HOLYOKE	–	–	–	–	–	–	18	18 00	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	18 00	7,627	4,209
Longmeadow	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	21	61
Ludlow	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	446	403
Monson	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	330	352
Montgomery	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	13	38
Palmer	–	–	–	–	–	–	3	3 00	–	–	–	–	1	$1 00	–	4 00	733	490
Russell	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	125	105
Southwick	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	72	96
SPRINGFIELD	–	–	–	–	–	–	38	38 00	–	1	$250 00	–	–	–	–	288 00	8,426	4,889
Tolland	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	7	16
Wales	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	23	34
West Springfield	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1 00	1,191	807
WESTFIELD	–	–	–	–	–	–	4	4 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	4 00	1,871	1,219
Wilbraham	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	86	152
Totals	–	–	–	–	–	–	70	$70 00	1	1	$250 00	–	1	$1 00	–	$321 00	24,307	15,118
HAMPSHIRE COUNTY.																		
Amherst	–	–	–	–	–	–	3	$3 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	$3 00	373	563
Belchertown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	136	171
Chesterfield	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	24	39
Cummington	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	27	85
Easthampton	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	2 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2 00	1,045	740
Enfield	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	22	26
Goshen[1]	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Granby	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	13	101
Greenwich	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	27	44
Hadley	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	47	55
Hatfield	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	104	151
Huntington	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	161	119

[1] Question not submitted to voters.

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Hampshire County — Con.																		
Middlefield	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	19	24
Northampton	–	–	–	–	–	–	6	$6 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	$6 00	2,526	1,837
Pelham	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	16	30
Plainfield	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	9	13
Prescott	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	14	21
South Hadley	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	505	537
Southampton	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	8	61
Ware	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1 00	747	568
Westhampton	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	6	49
Williamsburg	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	151	191
Worthington	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	16	44
Totals	–	–	–	–	–	–	12	$12 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	$12 00	5,996	5,469
Middlesex County.																		
Acton	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	136	227
Arlington	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1,364	2,206
Ashby	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	3	40
Ashland	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	211	311
Ayer	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	273	347
Bedford	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	144	274
Belmont	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	829	803
Billerica	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	390	730
Boxborough	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	28	59
Burlington	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	111	81
Cambridge[1]	–	–	–	–	–	–	23	$23 00	–	–	–	–	28	$28 00	–	$51 00	–	–
Carlisle	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	34	61
Chelmsford	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	159	505
Concord	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	329	479

Dracut	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	387	424
Dunstable	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	15	31
Everett	–	–	–	–	–	–	13	13 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	13 00	3,351	3,634
Framingham	–	–	–	–	–	–	7	7 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	7 00	1,676	1,490
Groton	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	285	359
Holliston	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	170	172
Hopkinton	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	325	295
Hudson	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	605	713
Lexington	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	665	742
Lincoln	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	107	190
Littleton	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	50	165
Lowell	–	–	–	–	–	–	22	22 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	22 00	13,212	6,611
Malden	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	3,190	3,819
Marlborough	–	–	–	–	–	–	5	5 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	5 00	2,755	1,743
Maynard	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	2 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2 00	317	301
Medford	–	–	–	–	–	–	12	12 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	12 00	4,775	5,127
Melrose	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1,714	4,575
Natick	–	–	–	–	–	–	4	4 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	4 00	1,799	1,841
Newton	–	–	–	–	–	–	11	11 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	11 00	2,725	4,355
North Reading	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	88	138
Pepperell	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	2 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2 00	354	297
Reading	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	390	808
Sherborn	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	129	145
Shirley	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	172	182
Somerville[1]	–	–	–	–	–	–	15	15 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	15 00	–	–
Stoneham	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	752	1,161
Stow	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	41	86
Sudbury	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	49	106
Tewksbury	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	101	209
Townsend	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	72	149
Tyngsborough	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	90	121
Wakefield	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	914	1,238
Waltham	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2,323	2,719
Watertown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1,579	2,100
Wayland	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	267	369
Westford	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	173	351
Weston	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	31	63
Wilmington	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1 00	216	292
Winchester	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	2 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2 00	703	1,326
Woburn	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2,299	2,950
Totals	–	–	–	–	–	–	119	$119 00	–	–	–	–	28	$28 00	–	$147 00	52,877	57,520

[1] Biennial elections.

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Counties, Cities and Towns.	First Class.			Second Class.			Third Class.			Fourth Class.			Fifth Class.			Amounts Received for Licenses.	Vote at Last Annual Meeting. Shall Licenses be Granted?	
	No. Issued.	Amounts Received for Same.	No. Revoked.	No. Issued.	Amounts Received for Same.	No. Revoked.	No. Issued.	Amounts Received for Same.	No. Revoked.	No. Issued.	Amounts Received for Same.	No. Revoked.	No. Issued.	Amounts Received for Same.	No. Revoked.		Yes.	No.
Nantucket County.																		
Nantucket	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	$1 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	$1 00	351	321
Norfolk County.																		
Avon	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	29	43
Bellingham	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	151	146
Braintree	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1,051	1,292
Brookline	–	–	–	–	–	–	13	$13 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	$13 00	2,211	2,388
Canton	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	707	800
Cohasset	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1 00	574	465
Dedham	–	–	–	–	–	–	3	3 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	3 00	1,193	1,394
Dover	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	52	83
Foxborough	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1 00	329	472
Franklin	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	669	518
Holbrook	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	250	456
Medfield	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	206	212
Medway	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	74	126
Millis	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	156	186
Milton	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1 00	327	548
Needham	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	551	877
Norfolk	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	110	187
Norwood	–	–	–	–	–	–	3	3 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	3 00	69	114
Plainville	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	93	128
Quincy	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	5,157	6,080
Randolph	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	2 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2 00	563	531
Sharon	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	225	467
Stoughton	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	470	542
Walpole	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	479	468
Wellesley	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	387	586
Westwood	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	119	194
Weymouth	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1 00	860	1,018
Wrentham	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	162	226
Totals	–	–	–	–	–	–	25	$25 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	$25 00	17,224	20,547

PLYMOUTH COUNTY.																		
Abington	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	514	560
Bridgewater	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	217	224
BROCKTON	–	–	–	–	–	–	12	$12 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	$12 00	10,079	8,417
Carver	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	31	110
Duxbury	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	71	40
East Bridgewater	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	296	287
Halifax	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	45	71
Hanover	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	179	287
Hanson	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	98	147
Hingham	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	2 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	$2 00	452	398
Hull	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	$1 00	–	1 00	340	121
Kingston	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	182	132
Lakeville	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	50	81
Marion	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	47	91
Marshfield	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	128	211
Mattapoisett	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	82	151
Middleborough	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	257	388
Norwell	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	119	166
Pembroke	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	126	154
Plymouth	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	2 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2 00	958	680
Plympton	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	21	22
Rochester	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	12	18
Rockland	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1 00	920	1,037
Scituate	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	362	465
Wareham	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	292	319
West Bridgewater	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	75	128
Whitman	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1 00	763	917
Totals	–	–	–	–	–	–	18	$18 00	–	–	–	–	1	$1 00	–	$19 00	16,716	15,622
SUFFOLK COUNTY.																		
BOSTON	–	–	–	–	–	–	212	$212 00	3	15	$4,500 00	–	2	$2 00	–	$4,714 00	35,011	18,926
CHELSEA	–	–	–	–	–	–	14	14 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	14 00	4,014	2,364
REVERE	–	–	–	–	–	–	9	9 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	9 00	3,448	2,488
Winthrop	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	790	1,088
Totals	–	–	–	–	–	–	235	$235 00	3	15	$4,500 00	–	2	$2 00	–	$4,737 00	43,263	24,866

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Worcester County.																		
Ashburnham	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	146	207
Athol	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	942	1,068
Auburn	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	293	361
Barre	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	152	128
Berlin	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	31	144
Blackstone	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	$1 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	$1 00	18	2
Bolton	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	34	92
Boylston	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	53	111
Brookfield	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	140	139
Charlton	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	122	146
Clinton	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1,642	1,596
Dana	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	84	71
Douglas	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	82	142
Dudley	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	334	115
East Brookfield	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	91	67
Fitchburg	–	–	–	–	–	–	18	18 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	18 00	4,713	3,776
Gardner[1]	–	–	–	–	–	–	5	5 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	5 00	1,750	1,720
Grafton[2]	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Hardwick	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	113	64
Harvard	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	36	106
Holden	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	118	227
Hopedale	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	3	37
Hubbardston	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	74	85
Lancaster	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	57	92
Leicester	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	391	384
Leominster	–	–	–	–	–	–	8	8 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	8 00	1,599	1,344
Lunenburg	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	85	196
Mendon	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	19	49
Milford	–	–	–	–	–	–	4	4 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	4 00	1,873	1,091
Millbury	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1 00	615	466
Millville	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	250	154
New Braintree[2]	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–

North Brookfield	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	151	133
Northborough	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	99	227
Northbridge	–	–	–	–	–	–	3	3 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	3 00	242	242
Oakham	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	19	28
Oxford	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	385	278
Paxton	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	35	74
Petersham	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	60	96
Phillipston	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	10	23
Princeton	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	19
Royalston	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	5	50
Rutland	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	82	144
Shrewsbury	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	273	361
Southborough	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	199	276
Southbridge	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	2 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2 00	1,971	949
Spencer	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	574	438
Sterling	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	77	120
Sturbridge	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1 00	140	149
Sutton	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	118	137
Templeton	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1 00	248	281
Upton	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	36	89
Uxbridge	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	500	610
Warren	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	323	267
Webster	–	–	–	–	–	–	3	3 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	3 00	1,655	549
West Boylston	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	28	123
West Brookfield	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	97	111
Westborough	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	431	631
Westminster	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	28	98
Winchendon	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1 00	442	410
WORCESTER	–	–	–	–	–	–	41	41 00	1[3]	2	$550 00	–	1	$1 00	–	592 00	27,817	18,623
Totals [1]	–	–	–	–	–	–	89	$89 00	1	2	$550 00	–	1	$1 00	–	$640 00	51,907	39,716

[1] Vote as a city: Yes, 2,011; No, 1,764.

[2] Question not submitted to voters.

[3] Suspended.

RECAPITULATION.

COUNTIES.	Vote at Last Annual Meeting. Shall Licenses be Granted?		Number Issued.					Number Revoked.	Amounts Received for Licenses.
	Yes.	No.	First Class.	Second Class.	Third Class.	Fourth Class.	Fifth Class.		
Barnstable	2,403	2,877	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Berkshire	12,371	11,950	–	–	22	2	3	–	$2,025 00
Bristol	39,287	26,601	–	–	81[1]	1	2	–	333 00
Dukes County	369	431	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Essex	49,598	42,570	–	–	73	–	–	1	73 00
Franklin	2,664	2,524	–	–	2	–	–	–	2 00
Hampden	24,307	15,118	–	–	70	1	1	1	321 00
Hampshire	5,996	5,469	–	–	12	–	–	–	12 00
Middlesex	52,877	57,520	–	–	119	–	28	–	147 00
Nantucket	351	321	–	–	1	–	–	–	1 00
Norfolk	17,224	20,547	–	–	25	–	–	–	25 00
Plymouth	16,716	15,622	–	–	18	–	1	–	19 00
Suffolk	43,263	24,866	–	–	235	15	2	3	4,737 00
Worcester	51,907	39,716	–	–	89	2	1	1[2]	640 00
Totals	319,333	266,132	–	–	747	21	38	6	$8,335 00

[1] Two uncalled for.

[2] Suspended.

ABSTRACT OF THE RETURNS OF THE SHERIFFS OF THE SEVERAL COUNTIES OF THE COMMONWEALTH FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1922, IN COMPLIANCE WITH CHAPTER 37, SECTION 23, OF THE GENERAL LAWS.

COUNTIES.	Amount of Money Received.					Number of Days' Attendance.			
	From County Treasurer.	From All Other Sources.	Totals.	For Fees in Civil Processes.	For Fees in Criminal Processes.	Upon the Court.	Upon County Commissioners.	Upon More than One Tribunal Simultaneously.	Totals.
Barnstable	–	$209 82	$209 82	$59 82	$150 00[1]	28	–	–	28
Berkshire	$2,200 00	710 00	2,910 00	–	–	75	12	–	87
Bristol	4,000 00	533 49	4,533 49	–	25,093 63	180	15	6	201
Dukes	366 00	612 36	978 36	515 32	97 04	25	–	–	25
Essex	4,200 00[2]	18,918 88	23,118 88	–	–	190	–	107	297
Franklin	1,631 04	137 85	1,768 89	–	–	51	–	–	51
Hampden	3,900 00	4,560 00	8,460 00	–	–	197	12	89	298
Hampshire	1,600 00	2,845 00	4,445 00	–	–	50	2	2	54
Middlesex	4,600 00[2]	33,504 96	38,104 96	–	–	1,198	–	186	1,384
Nantucket	136 25	–	136 25	–[3]	–[3]	2	–	–	2
Norfolk	3,700 00	3,715 00	7,415 00	–	–	178	–	34	212
Plymouth	3,912 18[4]	–	3,912 18	–	–	88	38	18	126
Suffolk	4,000 00[5]	58,224 38[6]	62,224 38	–	–	2,650[7]	–	–	2,650
Worcester	4,100 00	25,556 49	29,656 49	–	–	182	–	422	604
Totals	$38,345 47	$149,528 23	$187,873 70	$575 14	$25,340 67	5,094	79	864	6,019

[1] Fines.
[2] Salary.
[3] Allowed to retain fees by statute.
[4] $412.18 for travel expenses.
[5] Salary, $3,000 as sheriff, $1,000 as keeper of county jail.
[6] Fines, $56,615.27; board of poor debtors, $55; sale of old material, $303.47; collected on civil process at jail, $508.57; sale of gaming warrants, $445.07; board of United States prisoners, $297.
[7] Superior Criminal Court, first session, 231; second session, 204; third session, 51. Civil court, first session, 162; second session, 146; third session, 174; fourth session, 175; fifth session, 161; sixth session, 175; seventh session, 154; eighth session, 171; ninth session, 11; equity, first session, 302; second session, 183; divorce, 119. Supreme Judicial Court, for the Commonwealth, 99; for the county, 132.

RETURNS RELATIVE TO THE TRIAL OF CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1922, IN COMPLIANCE WITH CHAPTER 221, SECTION 24, OF THE GENERAL LAWS.

COUNTIES.	No. of Jury Cases.	No. of Jury Waived Cases.	No. of Equity Suits pending at Beginning of Year.	No. of Each of Said Three Classes of Cases entered during the Year.			No. of Cases of Each Class actually tried during the Year.			No. of Cases of Each Class disposed of during the Year by Agreement of the Parties or by Order of the Court.			No. of Cases of Each Class remaining untried at the End of the Year.			No. of Cases wherein the Verdict of the Jury has been set aside by the Court on the Ground that it was Excessive.	No. of Days during which the Court has sat in their Respective Counties for the Hearing of Said Three Classes of Cases.		
				First Class.	Second Class.	Third Class.	First Class.	Second Class.	Third Class.	First Class.	Second Class.	Third Class.	First Class.	Second Class.	Third Class.		First Class.	Second Class.	Third Class.
Barnstable	59	23	22	62	28	9	4	2	3	37	12	3	80	37	25	–	–[1]	–[1]	–[1]
Berkshire	157	133	91	165	77	16	20	8	1	104	85	10	198	117	96	–	32	18[2]	–
Bristol	1,157	405	276	673	286	111	86	31	19	420	220	46	1,410	471	341	–	124	37	7
Dukes	8	8	5	9	4	1	2	1	2	3	–	1	4	7	3	–	4[3]	–	–
Essex	2,281	526	483	1,341	400	186	202	32	9	933	334	256	2,520	574	418	–	289	78[2]	–
Franklin	152	80	143	138	38	36	29	6	14	119	26	14	171	91	184	–	48½	6	3½
Hampden	1,785	778	515	952	416	191	98	40	8	596	340	145	1,993	800	537	–	179	16	15
Hampshire	158	91	55	87	53	13	13	5	7	103	31	4	55	41	12	–	22	6	6
Middlesex	3,908	1,047	1,439	2,135	817	278	347	60	4	1,750	500	125	4,293	1,283	1,592	1	360	80	2
Nantucket	–	2	1	–	2	1	–	3	–	–	3	–	–	3	1	1	–	2	2
Norfolk	750	244	259	560	170	88	70	6	–[4]	369	155	47	940	258	302	–	113	24[2,5]	–
Plymouth	399	349	250	289	334	70	51	146	18	274	143	28	363	394	274	–	80	27	2
Suffolk	12,874	2,791	8,204	7,211	2,434	1,642	1,087	210	223[6]	4,795	1,720	623	15,290[7]	3,505[7]	9,223[7]	3	1,151[8]	139[9]	172[10]
Worcester	1,883	534	501	1,353	531	177	121	84	49	677	377	292	2,438	604	337	–	139	42	42
Totals	25,571	7,011	12,244	14,975	5,590	2,819	2,130	634	357	10,180	3,946	1,594	29,755	8,185	13,345	5	2,541½	475	251½

[1] Unknown, owing to mixed sessions.
[2] Second and third classes.
[3] All classes.
[4] Forty-three decrees entered during year, tried in Suffolk.
[5] Including hearing of 89 divorce libels.
[6] One hundred and seventy-four being Suffolk cases.
[7] Untried and undisposed of.
[8] Nine sessions.
[9] Fourth session held in trial of cases without a jury.
[10] Equity merit session for all counties in the Commonwealth; equity motion session for all counties; a justice in attendance every day except Sundays and legal holidays.

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Office of the Secretary, Jan. 5, 1924.

To the Honorable Senate and the House of Representatives.

I have the honor to submit, in compliance with General Laws, chapter 9, section 17, the annual report of the transactions of this office for the year ending Nov. 30, 1923, including the votes of the cities and towns on the question of granting licenses for the sale of certain non-intoxicating beverages; the returns of the sheriffs of the several counties of money received by them, and of their attendance upon a court of record and the county commissioners; a report showing the aggregate vote, both affirmative and negative, on every act or part of an act which shall have been referred by the General Court for acceptance or rejection to the voters of the Commonwealth or of any part thereof, or to the city council of any city, during the calendar year 1923; and a record of the work of this Department in respect to public records under chapter 66 of the General Laws.

There are also presented, in compliance with General Laws, chapter 221, section 24, abstract and tabular statements of the returns of the clerks of the Superior Court for the several counties, and the clerk of the Superior Court for civil business in the county of Suffolk; of the number of jury cases, of jury-waived cases and of equity suits pending at the beginning of the year; of the number of each of said three classes of cases entered during the year; of the number of cases of each class actually tried during the year; of the number of cases of each class disposed of during the year by agreement of the parties or by order of the court; of the number of cases of each class remaining untried at the end of the year; of the number of cases wherein the verdict of the jury has been set aside by the court on the ground that it is excessive; and of the number of days during which the court has sat in each county for the hearing of each of said three classes of cases.

Receipts and Expenditures.

The following table shows, in detail, the receipts from fees, etc., all of which were paid into the treasury daily, and quarterly reports thereof made to the Governor and Council, as required by General Laws, chapter 9, section 1: —

Commissions		$26,695 00
Corporation Certificates		627,725 00
Limited partnerships		25 00
Sale of books, etc.		2,710 85
Sale of General Laws		6,399 75
Sale of Bradford Histories		147 00
Sale of Blue Books		796 10
Labels, trade-marks, etc.		4,775 00
Certificates		2,529 00
Military records		237 05
Copies		11,101 59
Miscellaneous:		
Vital Statistics	$325 50	
Advance sheets	536 00	
Stationery	1 62	
		863 12
		$684,004 46

The total expenses for salaries and incidentals during the year were $116,184.42, from which it appears that there was turned into the treasury of the Commonwealth $567,820.04 over the office expenses.

Commissions.

The number of commissions issued during the year ending Nov. 30, 1923, was 5,690 (an increase of 433 over the preceding year), of which 351 were without fee and 269 became void by reason of the failure of the appointees to take out the commissions or to qualify thereunder. The different classes were as follows: —

Notaries public	3,415
Justices of the peace	1,833
Special district police officers	26
Special commissioners	18
Commissioner of Health	1
Fuel Administrator	1
Recorder of Land Court	1
Salem & Beverly Water Board, Chairman	1
Trustees, commissioners, etc.	170
Public warehousemen	44
Justices of the peace to solemnize marriages	47
Public administrators	36
Masters in chancery	15
Medical examiners	10
Clerks, municipal and district courts	14
Commissioners in other States	3
Justices and special justices, municipal and district courts	8
Associate medical examiners	12
Justices of the peace to issue warrants and take bail	6
Trial justices	2
Commissioners to qualify public officers	7
Commissioners in foreign countries	1
Associate justices, Superior Court	1
Ballot Law Commissioners	1
Licensing Board, City of Boston	1
Board of Excise, City of Chelsea	1
Board of Police, City of Fall River	1
Finance Commissioners, City of Boston	1
Judges of probate and insolvency	1
Special judge of probate and insolvency	1
District attorney	1
Register of probate and insolvency	2
Commissioner of Insurance	2
Pilot Commissioners	3
Deputy Pilot Commissioners	3
	5,690

Certificates to the number of 11,098 were issued. Fees were remitted for 10,116.

Corporations. (Rooms 335B, 337, 340A, 340B.)

The total number of certificates of incorporation issued under General Laws to new corporations for the fiscal year ending Nov. 30, 1923, was 2,657, — a decrease of 63 as compared with the fiscal year ending Nov. 30, 1922. They were classified as follows: —

Trading corporations (under General Laws, chapter 156, section 12)	2,351
Religious, charitable, social, educational, musical, athletic, etc., corporations (under General Laws, chapter 180, section 3)	262
Fraternal beneficiary corporations (under General Laws, chapter 176, section 9)	12
Churches (under General Laws, chapter 67, section 51)	16
Credit unions (under General Laws, chapter 171, section 3)	5
Co-operative banks (under General Laws, chapter 170, section 5)	4
Trust company (under General Laws, chapter 172, section 10)	1
Insurance companies (under General Laws, chapter 175, section 49)	2
Gas and electric companies (under General Laws, chapter 164, section 5)	3
Medical milk commission (under General Laws, chapter 180, section 20)	1

The number of miscellaneous certificates filed and recorded was 18,262, — an increase of 923 as compared with the fiscal year ending Nov. 30, 1922. Of these, 13,143 were certificates of condition of Massachusetts corporations (under General Laws, chapter 158, section 37, and chapter 156, section 47); 2,351 were articles of organization of trading corporations (under General Laws, chapter 156, section 12); 262 were certificates of religious, charitable, social and other organizations (under General Laws, chapter 180); 852 were certificates of issue of capital stock of trading corporations (under General Laws, chapter 156, sections 16 and 17), and the others were distributed among 24 different classes.

The number of miscellaneous certificates filed was 2,173, of which 1,927 were certificates of condition of foreign corporations (under General Laws, chapter 181, section 12), and the others were divided among 11 other classes.

There were issued 24 certificates of change of name of corporations (under General Laws, chapter 155, section 10, and chapter 180, section 11).

Returns were received of the dissolution of 44 corporations by the Supreme Judicial and Superior Courts.

Under the act relating to the incorporation of clubs, charters were refused in 15 cases, and 2 charters declared void.

Limited partnership certificates to the number of 24 were filed and recorded.

In the Corporation Division, 3,511 certified copies of the records and certificates were supplied, — an increase of 552 as compared with the fiscal year ending Nov. 30, 1922.

Labels, Trade-Marks, etc. (Room 337.)

By General Laws, chapter 110, section 8, which relates to the adoption and registration of labels, trade-marks, stamps and forms of advertisement, the duty is placed upon the Secretary of the Commonwealth of receiving, filing and recording such labels, etc., and of issuing and recording certificates of record. Under this law, labels, trade-marks, stamps and forms of advertisement were received, and certificates of record issued and recorded, in 181 cases.

Under General Laws, chapter 110, section 8, which provides for the assignment of labels, trade-marks, stamps and forms of advertisement, 9 assignments were received, and certificates of registration issued and recorded.

Insignia of Societies and Labor Unions. (Room 337.)

General Laws, chapter 110, section 9, provides for the registration in this office of the insignia, ribbons, badges, rosettes, buttons and emblems of societies, associations and labor unions. One registration was received which has been included with the number of labels above given, under General Laws, chapter 110, section 8.

Marks and Devices on Cans, etc. (Room 337.)

By General Laws, chapter 110, section 17, which provides for the protection of owners of cans, bottles, boxes, siphons and fountains used in the sale of soda water, mineral and aerated waters, ale, beer, ginger ale or similar beverages, it is made the duty of the Secretary of the Commonwealth to receive and file descriptions of marks, devices, etc., and under this law 3 such descriptions were received and filed. Under General Laws, chapter 110, section 21, protecting dealers and consumers against the unlawful use and destruction of milk cans, jugs, bottles or jars, 54 descriptions of marks, devices, etc., were received and filed.

Vital Statistics Division. (Room 334.)

Under the provisions of General Laws, chapter 46, the returns of births and marriages from the 355 cities and towns for the year 1922, which were received in 1923, cover 87,636 births and 32,683 marriages, a decrease, as compared with the returns of 1921, of 4,571 births and 907 marriages.

Under the provisions of the same law, 51,115 certified copies of records of deaths were received covering the period from Jan. 1, 1922, to Dec. 31, 1922, an increase of 3,335 as compared with the returns of 1921.

The medical examiners' returns for 1922 cover 6,939 cases, an increase of 571 as compared with the returns of 1921.

The returns by the clerks of the courts of the decrees of divorce for 1922 number 3,733, a decrease of 823 as compared with the returns of 1921.

These figures are compiled, analyzed and presented fully in the annual registration report for 1922 (Public Document No. 1), and were available July 1, 1923.

During the year 1,114 certificates of birth, 456 certificates of marriage and 402 certificates of death were issued, a total of 1,972. Fees received from these certificates amounted to $325.50.

There were 4,545 abstracts of birth records given out for school and employment purposes.

Naturalization Returns.

Under the provisions of General Laws, chapter 220, section 19, returns were received of the naturalization of 2,482 persons before the various courts of the Commonwealth during the year 1922, a decrease of 1,147 as compared with the returns for 1921. These returns were indexed and bound in convenient form for reference, as required by law.

Changes of Names of Persons.

The returns of 1,226 names, changed in 1922 as decreed by the several probate courts, were received and filed in compliance with the requirements of General Laws, chapter 210, section 12.

Archives Division. (Room 438.)

The number of visitors during the year was 2,752; written inquiries: military service, 738; historical, legal and miscellaneous, 340; certificates of military service, 233; copies: of legislative records and manuscripts, typewritten, 146; of legislative records, manuscripts, maps, corporation records and other material, photostatic, 721; of soldiers' discharges, photostatic, 90; of world war records, photostatic, 2,500; totalling 28,381 photostats; fees received: for military certificates, $237.05; typewritten copies, $130.60; photostatic copies, $4,138.17; totalling $4,505.82.

Reproduction of Archives.

This work is proceeding as rapidly as can be expected with the constantly increasing demands upon the photostats by other divisions, departments, corporations and individuals.

Photostat.

Copies made by this process are now recognized as the best, and many corporations and individuals will have no other. When not otherwise engaged the machines have been reproducing

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completing the personnel cards of the 26th Division, some 2,500 sheets (18 x 22 inches), containing 24 (3 x 5 inches) records, totalling 60,000; and copying diaries and other miscellaneous papers loaned to the Historical Commission for use in its work. (Chap. 546, Acts of 1922, Item 203½.)

Rebinding of Archives.

Of the 326 volumes in the Archives proper, 111 have been rebound since 1905, and at present 29 need attention, 15 badly. Owing to unsettled conditions none have been rebound during the year.

Gifts.

Mrs. Ellen T. Proctor of Randolph has presented a unique Revolutionary "List of Prices for the Town of Danvers . . . Danvers, Printed by E. Russell . . . [1779]"; Mr. William Brooks Cabot "Indian Place Names of Massachusetts"; and through the courtesy of Maj. A. G. Perkins, the Commission of Lt. John Noyes, Jr., in the 7th Essex County Militia, June 26, 1779; Pay Rolls of Capt. John Noyes's company, Aug. 15–Nov. 30, 1777; Muster Roll, Capt. Ezra Lunt's company, May 2–Aug. 1, 1775; and a List of the men in Capt. [Joseph] McNall's company, Apr. 24, 1777, have been received from Mr. Fred S. Noyes of Newburyport.

House Journals, 1715–1780.

Vol. IV, 1722–1723, reprinted by the Massachusetts Historical Society, has been purchased, and distributed by the Document Division. (Chaps. 413, Acts of 1920, and 164 of 1922.)

Vital Records to 1850.

Acton and Plympton, compiled by the New England Historic Genealogical Society, and Gloucester (marriages), compiled by Essex Institute, have been purchased, and distributed by the Document Division.

A revised Circular of Information has been issued for use by the publishers of said records. (Chaps. 562, Acts of 1920, and 199 of 1922.)

PUBLIC DOCUMENT DIVISION. (Room 118.)

During the year 1923 the following publications were received for distribution through the Public Document Division: 88,920 volumes of the Public Document Series, representing 85 reports of the several state departments, boards and commissions; 10,000 copies of the pamphlet edition of the session laws; 11,000 copies of the bound edition of the session laws, commonly called the Blue Book; 700 copies each of the Senate and House Journals, total, 1,400 copies; 454 copies each of the Term Reports, Nos. 239, 240, 241 and 242, total, 1,816 copies; 750 copies of the Fifty-sixth Annual Encampment, Department of Massachusetts, G. A. R.; 2,000 copies of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; 200 copies of the Report of Cases under the Workmen's Compensation Act determined on appeal by the Supreme Judicial Court, Jan. 1, 1922 to Dec. 31, 1922, being Bulletin No. 23 of the Department of Industrial Accidents; 300 copies of the Journals of the House of Representatives, Vol. 4, 1722–23; 800 copies of the Annual Proceedings, The American Legion, Department of Massachusetts, 1922; 350 copies each of the Vital Records of Acton and Plympton, total, 700 copies; 5,000 copies of the Manual for the Instruction of Applicants for the Police Service of Cities and Towns in Massachusetts; 5,000 copies of the Manual of Fire Department Equipment and Practice; 1,000 copies of the Proceedings of the Twenty-second Annual Encampment, Department of Massachusetts, U. S. W. V., 1921; 10,480 copies of the Manual for the General Court, 1923–24; 1,200 copies of the Statutes Relating to Savings Banks; 800 copies of the Statutes Relating to Trust Companies; 700 copies of the Statutes Relating to Co-operative Banks; 400 copies of the Statutes Relating to Credit Unions; 4,000 copies of the General Laws Relating to Taxation; 3,000 copies of the General Laws Relating to Corporations, — making a grand total of 149,466 volumes that have passed through this Division during the year.

In addition to the above, there were distributed 9,050 copies of "Dangerous Weapons" posters, which posters were printed in the following languages: English, French, German, Greek, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Swedish and Yiddish.

During the year several publications, which were formerly issued free through other departments, were declared "technical reports" by the Commission on Administration and Finance, and are now on sale in the Public Document Division.

While the refusal of the general public to purchase these technical reports will, no doubt, result in a reduction in the number of volumes handled, the keeping of records and accounts made necessary by this change, has already added considerable to the work of the Division.

Every effort is being made, consistent with the legitimate demands of the public, to prevent waste and to reduce unnecessary expense in the handling of material passing through this Division.

In this connection, attention is invited to the fact that the mandatory effect of some of the Acts governing the distribution of public documents, results in books being shipped to places where they are not wanted. An example of this is found in Chapter 193, Acts of 1923, which provides that a copy of all military histories published by the Commonwealth shall be sent to each public library. It is the experience of this office that the smaller libraries, lacking the necessary shelving space, do not want many of the books, which the wording of the existing statutes makes it obligatory upon this office to send them, and two libraries have recently refused to accept such shipments from the Postoffice authorities.

An amendment to the above mentioned Act, which will correct this condition, is to be brought before the Legislature during the coming session.

Division of Public Records. (Room 252.)

Inspections.

Inspections of the care, custody, condition and protection against fire of the public records of the departments and offices of the counties, cities and towns, have been made during the year 1923 in the following 210 places: — Abington, Acushnet, Adams, Agawam, Amesbury, Amherst, Andover, Arlington, Ashland, Auburn, Avon, Becket, Bedford, Belchertown, Bernardston, Beverly, Billerica, Blandford, Boxborough, Boxford, Boylston, Bridgewater, Brimfield, Brockton, Brookfield, Buckland, Burlington, Canton, Carlisle, Charlemont, Charlton, Chelmsford, Cheshire, Chester, Clarksburg, Clinton, Cohasset, Colrain, Concord, Conway, Dalton, Danvers, Dartmouth, Dedham, Deerfield, Douglas, Dover, Dracut, Dudley, Dunstable, Duxbury, East Bridgewater, East Brookfield, East Longmeadow, Easthampton, Easton, Erving, Essex, Fairhaven, Georgetown, Gill, Gloucester, Grafton, Granby, Granville, Greenfield, Groton, Groveland, Hadley, Hamilton, Hampden, Hancock, Hanover, Hardwick, Harvard, Hawley, Hingham, Hinsdale, Holden, Hopkinton, Huntington, Ipswich, Lanesborough, Lawrence, Lee, Leicester, Lenox, Lexington, Lincoln, Littleton, Longmeadow, Ludlow, Lynn, Lynnfield, Manchester, Mansfield, Marblehead, Marion, Marlborough, Marshfield, Mattapoisett, Medfield, Merrimac, Methuen, Middlefield, Middleton, Millbury, Millis, Monson, Montague, Montgomery, Nahant, Natick, Needham, New Ashford, New Bedford, Newbury, Newburyport, Norfolk, North Adams, North Andover, North Brookfield, North Reading, Northampton, Northborough, Northbridge, Northfield, Norton, Norwell, Norwood, Oakham, Orange, Otis, Oxford, Palmer, Paxton, Peabody, Pelham, Pepperell, Pittsfield, Plainfield, Reading, Richmond, Rockland, Rockport, Rowley, Russell, Rutland, Salem, Salisbury, Saugus, Savoy, Scituate, Shelburne, Sherborn, Shrewsbury, Somerville, South Hadley, Southampton, Southborough, Southbridge, Southwick, Spencer, Sterling, Stockbridge, Stoneham, Sturbridge, Sunderland, Sutton, Swampscott, Taunton, Tewksbury, Topsfield, Townsend, Tyngsborough, Tyringham, Upton, Uxbridge, Wakefield, Wales, Walpole, Ware, Wareham, Warren, Washington, Webster, Wellesley, Wendell, Wenham, West Boylston, West Bridgewater, West Brookfield, West Newbury, West Springfield, West Stockbridge, Westborough, Westfield, Westford, Westhampton, Weston, Westport, Westwood, Whately, Whitman, Wilbraham, Williamstown, Wilmington, Winchester, Windsor, Woburn. As a result of the inspections and recommendations by the Supervisor, under the provisions of General Laws, chapter 66, section 1, measures have been taken in many of the places visited for the better care and protection of public records. At this time it is gratifying to report that this office has been called upon during the year to approve plans for the construction and enlargement of more than forty vaults and has also approved 16 fireproof safes that have been purchased in compliance with the law.

Fires.

On December 5, 1922, at 3 A.M. the town hall at Norfolk was burned to the ground. Two safes of a standard make that contained many of the records of the town officials preserved their contents intact. One small safe in the assessors' office lost its contents.

On December 17, 1922, fire damaged the city hall at Chicopee, but no records were lost.

On January 17, 1923, fire destroyed the Bristol County Agricultural School at Dighton; all records were burned, but the Department of Education was able to replace the minutes of the meetings of the trustees, and some of the financial records were replaced by the Bristol County Treasurer.

On January 17, 1923, at 5.30 A.M. the town hall at Medfield was burned. The records of the various departments were in the vault, upon the opening of which all books and records were found in perfect condition.

On March 8, 1923, the town hall at Marblehead was damaged by fire; no records were lost.

City Halls.

The cities of Lawrence, Northampton and Somerville are reconstructing and modernizing their city halls, and it is expected that they will be ready for occupancy early in the spring.

New Town Halls.

The new town hall at Medfield is nearly completed. It is expected to be ready for occupancy by April 1.

The new town hall at Richmond is completed.

Repairing and Binding.

Records have been repaired and rebound during the year for the towns of Deerfield, Hull and Somerset, and other old records restored for the Clerk of Courts of Hampshire County at Northampton, and for the registries of deeds at Northampton, Greenfield and Plymouth; also maps and plans mounted and bound for the registries of deeds at Plymouth, Taunton, Lowell, Worcester, Springfield, Greenfield and Northampton.

Typewriter Ribbons and Stamping Pads.

No additional typewriter ribbons or stamping pads have been approved during the year.

Division of the Census. (Room 256.)

Chapter 138, section 14, of the General Laws, provides for the taking of a census of the temporary or summer residents in certain towns, to determine the number of licenses which may be issued therein for the sale of certain non-intoxicating beverages. In accordance with said provisions a special census of the temporary or summer residents of the town of Hull was taken in June, 1923, and a report of the census was filed with the selectmen of the town on June 28, 1923.

Returns under the "Lobby Act."

Under the provisions of General Laws, chapter 3, sections 39 to 50 inclusive (Lobby Act), relating to legislative counsel and agents' expenses incurred or paid in connection with promoting or opposing legislation during the last session of the General Court, there were 275 entries made in the dockets, a decrease of 54 as compared with 1922.

Returns covering 259 of these entries were received in this office from persons, corporations and associations. Of these returns 17 appeared to be irregular or defective, 7 were received after the expiration of the thirty day period following the prorogation of the General Court, June 25th, 3 were received from employers of legislative counsel or agents whose names had not been previously registered in the docket, and 10 failed to file returns. These were, therefore, transmitted to the Attorney-General as required by law.

The total amount reported as paid to legislative counsel and agents was $113,840.40; in addition to this $46,550 represented annual salaries or retainers unapportioned, and 13 persons, corporations and associations reported that they paid nothing.

Proclamations.

The proclamations of His Excellency the Governor for the observance of Lincoln Day, Arbor and Bird Day and Forest Protection Week, Flag Day, Armistice Day and Thanksgiving Day were printed and distributed under the direction of this office.

Of the Lincoln Day proclamations 11,000 were given public distribution to the schools, institutions, patriotic societies, postmasters and city and town clerks. Of the Arbor and Bird Day and Forest Protection Week proclamations 10,300 were mailed to the schools, granges, agricultural societies, churches, institutions, postmasters and city and town clerks. Flag Day proclamations to the number of 11,000 and Armistice Day proclamations numbering 11,000 were mailed to the schools, postmasters, patriotic societies, churches, institutions and city and town clerks; and 9,500 Thanksgiving Day proclamations were sent to the churches, schools, postmasters and city and town clerks.

In addition to the above, proclamations were printed and distributed as follows: designating Friday, August 10th, as a day of mourning and prayer in memory of our late beloved President, Warren Gamaliel Harding, 2,000 copies were distributed to the public and to our public institutions. For Fire Prevention Week, October 7 to 13, inclusive, 5,000 copies were delivered to the State Fire Marshal, and distributed by that official to the fire departments of the various cities and towns.

Proclamations were also issued to the press by the Governor as follows: for "Be Kind to Animals Week," April 9 to 14, inclusive, and Humane Sunday, April 15; for the observance of Patriots Day, April 19; May 13, Sentiment for Mothers Day; designating Education Week from November 18 to 24, inclusive; the observance of Harding Memorial Week, December 9 to 16, inclusive, and endorsing the erection of a suitable memorial to our late President.

Proclamations were also issued to the press by the Lieutenant Governor, Acting Governor, for the Suspension of the Open Season on Hunting after sundown October 20 to avert forest fires; for the revival of the open season on hunting from 12 o'clock noon October 20 to close at 12 o'clock noon November 21 on all birds and game affected by present statutory season opening October 20 and closing November 20 in each year.

Pardons, Requisitions, etc.

The number of pardons made out and issued during the year was 3, of which 2 were under parole conditions; commutations of sentence, 7; respite and extensions thereof from death sentence, 2; remanders to State Prison, 1; requisitions upon other States, 213; upon Secretary of the Navy of the United States, 2; extradition requests upon foreign countries, 2; and warrants issued upon requisition from other States, 32.

Rules and Regulations of State Departments.

By chapter 30, section 37, General Laws, certain rules and regulations of departments, commissions, boards or officials vested by law with the power to make and issue rules and regulations general in scope, and to be observed or performed under penalty for the violation thereof, shall not take effect until attested copies thereof have been filed with the Secretary of the Commonwealth. Under this law rules and regulations were filed by the following departments and commission during the year 1923: Department of Banking and Insurance; Department of Civil Service and Registration; Department of Conservation; Department of Labor and Industries; Department of Public Health; Department of Public Safety; Department of Public Welfare; Department of Public Works; Metropolitan District Commission.

Miscellaneous.

The three reports from this office which form a part of the Public Document series, namely, Returns of Births, Marriages, Divorces, and Deaths (Public Document No. 1), Returns of Assessed Polls, Registered Voters and Persons who voted, etc. (Public Document No. 43) and Information relative to Voluntary Associations owning or controlling Public Service Corporations (Public Document No. 101), have been made, as required by law.

The publication of Abstract of Certificates of Corporations (Public Document No. 10) was discontinued, by authority of chapter 146, Acts of 1923.

FREDERIC W. COOK,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Returns from Cities and Towns relative to Action taken under Certain Provisions of the General Laws.

When received.	City or Town.	Subject and Reference.	Action.	Date of Action.
1923				
Jan. 5	Quincy	Annuities to families of police, G. L. 32, § 89	Accepted	Dec. 30, 1922
Jan. 5	Lowell	Pension for members of fire department, G. L. 32, §§ 80 & 81	Accepted	Dec. 28, 1922
Jan. 13	Weymouth	Establishment of new precincts, G. L. 54, § 10	Accepted	Jan. 2, 1923
Jan. 20	Framingham	Municipal accounting, G. L. 44, § 35	Accepted	Mch. 15, 1922
Jan. 26	Cohasset	Appointment of superintendent of streets, G. L. 41, § 66	Accepted	Mch. 6, 1922
Feb. 23	Lynn	Retirement of certain veterans in the public service, 1920, 574	Accepted	Feb. 14, 1923
Mch. 9	Worcester	Eight-hour day for certain public employees, G. L. 49, § 30 (1916, 240)	Accepted	Mch. 1, 1923
Mch. 10	Agawam	License for slaughterhouses, G. L. 94, § 120	Accepted	Mch. 7, 1923
Mch. 15	Weymouth	Tenement houses in towns (Revocation of acceptance of 1912, 635)	Revocation	Mch. 12, 1923
Mch. 15	Sharon	Inspection of buildings, G. L. 143, § 3	Accepted	Mch. 12, 1923
Mch. 21	Winchendon	Civil service for police, G. L. 31, § 48	Accepted	Mch. 10, 1923
Mch. 21	Winchendon	Chief of Police under civil service, G. L. 31, § 49	Accepted	Mch. 10, 1923
Mch. 22	Cohasset	Police department established, G. L. 41, § 97	Accepted	Mch. 10, 1923
Mch. 24	North Andover	Board of survey, G. L. 41, § 73	Accepted	Mch. 17, 1923
Mch. 28	Acton	Precinct voting, G. L. 54, § 6	Accepted	May 2, 1921
April 3	Concord	Prevention of fires, G. L. 148, § 6	Accepted	Mch. 5, 1923
April 14	Cambridge	Name of Overseers of the Poor changed to Board of Public Welfare, 1923, 26	Accepted	Apr. 13, 1923
April 16	Medford	Name of Overseers of the Poor changed to Board of Public Welfare, 1923, 26	Accepted	Apr. 12, 1923
April 26	Quincy	Name of Overseers of the Poor changed to Board of Public Welfare, 1923, 26	Accepted	Apr. 16, 1923
May 12	Cambridge	Payment of state and military aid and soldiers' relief, 1923, 181	Accepted	May 8, 1923
May 14	New Bedford	Name of Overseers of the Poor changed to Board of Public Welfare, 1923, 26	Accepted	May 11, 1923
May 29	Beverly	Name of Overseers of the Poor changed to Board of Public Welfare, 1923, 26	Accepted	May 26, 1923
June 12	Holyoke	Pensions for firemen and members of fire department, G. L. 32, §§ 80 & 81; 1921, 337	Accepted	June 5, 1923
June 12	Holyoke	Pensions for police, G. L. 32, § 83	Accepted	June 5, 1923
June 12	Holyoke	Inspection of buildings, G. L. 143, § 3	Accepted	June 5, 1923
June 12	Holyoke	Reserve police force, G. L. 147, §§ 11, 12 & 13	Accepted	June 5, 1923
June 23	Framingham	Collection of water rates, 1923, 391	Accepted	June 18, 1923
June 25	New Bedford	Collection of water rates, 1923, 391	Accepted	June 15, 1923
June 28	Worcester	Collection of water rates, 1923, 391	Accepted	June 18, 1923
July 2	Cambridge	Pensions for foremen, mechanics, etc., G. L. 32, § 77 as amended by 1923, 458	Accepted	June 29, 1923
July 2	Cambridge	Collection of water rates, 1923, 391	Accepted	June 29, 1923
July 6	Beverly	Licensing tea houses, etc., G. L. 140, § 47	Accepted	June 29, 1923
July 20	Milton	Establishment of new precincts, G. L. 54, § 10	Accepted	June 12, 1923
July 21	Ipswich	Collection of water rates, 1923, 391	Accepted	July 19, 1923
July 23	Beverly	Collection of water rates, 1923, 391	Accepted	July 13, 1923
July 27	Quincy	Collection of water rates, 1923, 391	Accepted	July 16, 1923
Aug. 3	Haverhill	Collection of water rates, 1923, 391	Accepted	Aug. 2, 1923
Sept. 13	Boston	Collection of water rates, 1923, 391	Accepted	Sept. 11, 1923
Sept. 24	Millis	Collection of water rates, 1923, 391	Accepted	Sept. 7, 1923

RETURNS FROM CITIES AND TOWNS RELATIVE TO ACTION TAKEN UNDER CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE GENERAL LAWS—*Concluded.*

When received.	City or Town.	SUBJECT AND REFERENCE.	Action.	Date of Action.
1923				
Oct. 4	Holyoke	Collection of water rates, 1923, 391	Accepted	Oct. 3, 1923
Oct. 19	Brookline	Name of Overseers of the Poor changed to Board of Public Welfare, 1923, 26	Accepted	Oct. 16, 1923
Oct. 19	Brookline	Collection of water rates, 1923, 391	Accepted	Oct. 16, 1923
Oct. 19	Waltham	Collection of water rates, 1923, 391	Accepted	Oct. 8, 1923
Oct. 20	Cambridge	Establishment of new precinct, G. L. 54, § 10	Accepted	Mch. 19, 1923
Oct. 25	Boxford	Use of official ballots, G. L. 41, § 6	Accepted	June 25, 1923
Oct. 25	Boxford	License for coffee houses, G. L. 140, § 47	Accepted	Sept. 17, 1923
Oct. 29	Ipswich	Three year term for town treasurer and collector. G. L. 41, § 1 and 1923, 66	Accepted	Oct. 4, 1923
Nov. 8	Newton	Municipal pensions for school janitors, G. L. 32, §§ 44 & 45	Accepted	Nov. 7, 1923
Nov. 8	Newton	Pensioning of foremen, etc., G. L. 32, § 77, Par. (b) and 1923, 458	Accepted	Nov. 7, 1923
Dec. 1	Lowell	Collection of water rates, 1923, 391	Accepted	Nov. 26, 1923
Dec. 20	Holden	Use of official ballots at caucuses, G. L. 53, § 89	Accepted	Dec. 17, 1923
Dec. 24	Medway	Collection of water rates, 1923, 391	Accepted	Nov. 27, 1923
Dec. 28	Easthampton	Prevention of fires, G. L. 148, § 6	Accepted	Dec. 21, 1923

RETURNS RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF CERTAIN SPECIAL ACTS PASSED BY THE GENERAL COURT AND REFERRED TO THE VOTERS, TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF A CITY, TO THE SELECTMEN OF A TOWN, OR THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF A COUNTY.

When received.	From whom received.	TITLE OF ACT.	Date of Action.	VOTE.	
				Yes.	No.
1923 Jan. 2	Clerk, Belchertown Water District	An Act to establish the Belchertown Water District in the town of Belchertown [1922, 505]	Sept. 12, 1922	–[1]	–
Jan. 5	Town Clerk, Newbury	An Act authorizing the county of Essex to construct a highway in the town of Newbury [1922, 470]	May 26, 1922	–[2]	–
Jan. 5	Clerk, County Commissioners of Hampshire County.	An Act relative to extra clerical assistance for the police court of Springfield and for the district court of Hampshire county [1921, 334, Section 2]	June 7, 1921	–[3]	–
Jan. 5	City Clerk, Boston	An Act increasing the salary of the court officer of the municipal court of the Dorchester district of the city of Boston [1921, 321]	May 25, 1921	–[4]	–
Jan. 5	City Clerk, Boston	An Act establishing the salaries of the justice and clerks of the municipal court of the Charlestown district of the city of Boston [1921, 355]	May 26, 1921	–[4]	–
Jan. 8	Clerk, County Commissioners of Norfolk County.	An Act authorizing sittings of the superior court at Quincy in the county of Norfolk [1921, 350]	Nov. 28, 1921	–[5]	–
Jan. 9	Clerk, County Commissioners of Nantucket County.	An Act establishing the salary of the treasurer of the county of Nantucket [1921, 300]	June 1, 1921	–[6]	–
Jan. 11	Chairman, County Commissioners of Hampden County.	An Act relative to extra clerical assistance for the police court of Springfield and for the district court of Hampshire county [1921, 334, section 1]	May 11, 1921	–[7]	–
Jan. 15	Chairman, County Commissioners of Worcester County.	An Act relative to clerical assistance for the municipal court of the Brighton district of the city of Boston and for the central district court of Worcester [1921, 465]	June 28, 1921	–[8]	–
Jan. 13	Town Clerk, Cohasset	An Act authorizing the town of Cohasset to vote to revoke its acceptance of the civil service laws as applicable to its police department [1922, 112]	Mch. 11, 1922	–[1]	–
Feb. 1	City Clerk, Woburn	An Act authorizing the city of Woburn to pension Robert T. Spencer [1922, 139]	Apr. 8, 1922	–[9]	–
Feb. 16	Town Clerk, Dracut	An Act authorizing the town of Dracut to compensate Mary Gertrude McDonald for certain injuries [1922, 233]	Feb. 12, 1923	65	–
Feb. 2	Town Clerk, East Longmeadow	An Act subjecting the office of chief of police of the town of East Longmeadow to the civil service laws [1922, 203]	Feb. 12, 1923	On § 1, 68 On § 2, 118	201 136
Mch. 11	City Clerk, Cambridge	An Act authorizing the city of Cambridge to pension Louis J. Anshelm [1923, 46]	Mch. 9, 1923	–[9]	–
Mch. 13	City Clerk, New Bedford	An Act authorizing the city of New Bedford to retire and pension Robert C. P. Coggeshall [1922, 328]	April 28, 1922	–[9]	–
Mch. 13	City Clerk, New Bedford	An Act authorizing the city of New Bedford to pension Frank A. C. Green [1923, 44]	Mch. 8, 1923	–[9]	–
Mch. 13	City Clerk, New Bedford	An Act authorizing the city of New Bedford to pension Frank R. Pease [1923, 45]	Mch. 8, 1923	–[9]	–
Mch. 17	City Clerk, Cambridge	An Act authorizing the city of Cambridge to pension James McVey [1923, 16]	Mch. 16, 1923	–[9]	–

[1] Accepted by unanimous vote.
[2] Accepted by the county commissioners of Essex County.
[3] Accepted by the county commissioners of Hampshire County.
[4] Accepted by the city council of Boston.
[5] Rejected by the county commissioners of Norfolk County.
[6] Accepted by the county commissioners of Nantucket County.
[7] Accepted by the county commissioners of Hampden County.
[8] Accepted by the county commissioners of Worcester County.
[9] Accepted by city council.

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When received.	From whom received.	TITLE OF ACT.	Date of Action.	VOTE.	
				Yes.	No.
1923					
Mch. 17	Town Clerk, Ipswich	An Act providing for the submission of certain votes and motions for referendum in the town of Ipswich [1922, 345]	Mch. 12, 1923	398	154
Mch. 26	Town Clerk, Greenfield	An Act authorizing the town of Greenfield to appropriate money for band concerts [1922, 82]	Mch. 17, 1923	-[1]	-
Mch. 26	Town Clerk, Greenfield	An Act authorizing the town of Greenfield to compensate Harry G. Schneider for certain injuries [1922, 452]	Mch. 17, 1923	-[1]	-
Apr. 14	Clerk, County Commissioners of Middlesex County.	An Act authorizing the county of Middlesex to pension Perlie A. Ketchum [1923, 209]	Apr. 13, 1923	-[2]	-
Apr. 14	Clerk, County Commissioners of Middlesex County.	An Act increasing the amount the county of Middlesex may borrow to make improvements at the county buildings in the city of Cambridge [1923, 235]	Apr. 13, 1923	-[2]	-
Apr. 16	City Clerk, Medford	An Act authorizing the city of Medford to pension Alvin R. Reed [1923, 89]	Apr. 14, 1923	-[3]	-
Apr. 26	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the city of Boston to pay a sum of money to the parents of John Joseph Kelley [1923, 277]	Apr. 24, 1923	-[4]	-
May 4	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the city of Boston to incur indebtedness for the purchase of a site and the erection of police headquarters [1923, 289]	May 1, 1923	-[4]	-
May 7	City Clerk, New Bedford	An Act authorizing the city of New Bedford to pension Thomas J. Gifford [1923, 256]	Apr. 26, 1923	-[4]	-
May 9	Clerk, County Commissioners of Middlesex County.	An Act authorizing the appointment of additional court officers for attendance upon certain courts in Middlesex county [1923, 324]	May 8, 1923	-[2]	-
May 9	Clerk, County Commissioners of Middlesex County.	An Act establishing the salary of the court officer designated to act as deputy sheriff for attendance on the superior court in Middlesex county [1923, 352]	May 8, 1923	-[2]	-
May 9	Clerk, County Commissioners of Norfolk County.	An Act relative to the membership of the employees of the Norfolk county tuberculosis hospital and of the Norfolk county agricultural school in the Norfolk county retirement association [1923, 333]	May 8, 1923	-[3]	-
May 10	City Clerk, Springfield	An Act authorizing the city of Springfield to pension John P. Bishop [1923, 240]	May 7, 1923	-[4]	-
May 12	City Clerk, Worcester	An Act relative to the payment of rental by the commonwealth to the city of Worcester for the use of its sewerage system for the sewage of the Worcester state hospital [1923, 180]	May 8, 1923	-[4]	-
May 15	City Clerk, New Bedford	An Act authorizing the city of New Bedford to dispose of sewage from a part of the town of Acushnet, and the town of Acushnet to dispose of sewage from a part of the city of New Bedford [1923, 327]	May 11, 1923	-[4]	-
May 16	Clerk, County Commissioners of Norfolk County.	An Act to provide for sittings of the superior court for the hearing of jury waived cases at Quincy in the county of Norfolk [1923, 262]	May 15, 1923	-[3]	-
May 17	City Clerk, Holyoke	An Act establishing a child welfare commission in the city of Holyoke [1923, 267]	May 15, 1923	-[4]	-
May 18	City Clerk, Boston	An Act establishing the office of second assistant clerk for the municipal court of the West Roxbury district of the city of Boston [1923, 314]	May 15, 1923	-[4]	-

May 18	City Clerk, Boston	An Act relative to the transfer of certain lands in East Boston from the park department to the school committee of the city of Boston [1923, 308]	May 15, 1923	–[5]	–
May 21	City Clerk, Boston	An Act increasing the salaries of court officers for certain district courts in the city of Boston [1923, 322]	May 17, 1923	–[6]	–
May 26	Town Clerk, Andover	An Act authorizing the town of Andover to construct an outfall sewer for the disposal of its sewage [1923, 69]	Mch. 12, 1923	266	–
May 29	City Clerk, Beverly	An Act authorizing the city of Beverly to pension Walter Farnham [1923, 356]	May 21, 1923	–[4]	–
May 29	City Clerk, Cambridge	An Act authorizing the city of Cambridge to pay annuities to the widows of certain firemen killed in the performance of their duty [1923, 328]	May 25, 1923	–[4]	–
June 5	City Clerk, Boston	An Act providing for an eighth assistant clerk of the municipal court of the city of Boston for criminal business [1923, 323]	May 29, 1923	–[6]	–
June 5	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the city of Boston to pay a certain sum of money to William J. Coppell [1923, 380]	May 29, 1923	–[6]	–
June 5	City Clerk, Boston	An Act relative to minimum retirement allowances for members of the Boston retirement system retired for superannuation [1923, 426]	May 29, 1923	–[5]	–
June 6	Clerk, County Commissioners of Norfolk County.	An Act providing for the improvement of Hull street in the towns of Cohasset and Hingham [1923, 446]	June 5, 1923	–[7]	–
June 8	City Clerk, Boston	An Act to provide for the acquisition by the city of Boston of street railway lines in the Hyde Park district and the operation thereof by the Boston Elevated Railway Company [1923, 405]	June 5, 1923	–[8]	–
June 13	Clerk, County Commissioners of Plymouth County.	An Act providing for the improvement of Hull street in the towns of Cohasset and Hingham [1923, 446]	June 12, 1923	–[9]	–
June 14	City Clerk, Boston	An Act relative to appropriations for school purposes in the city of Boston [1923, 488]	June 12, 1923	–[8]	–
June 15	City Clerk, Haverhill	An Act relative to the reconstruction of Haverhill lower bridge over the Merrimack river at Main street in the city of Haverhill [1923, 449]	June 12, 1923	–[10]	–
June 19	Chairman, Mount Tom State Reservation Commission.	An Act authorizing the retirement of Henry B. Spencer, warden of the Mount Tom Reservation [1923, 447]	June 13, 1923	–[11]	–
June 25	City Clerk, Holyoke	An Act authorizing the city of Holyoke to use certain park land for the purpose of laying out a public street and extending High street [1923, 419]	June 22, 1923	–[4]	–
June 27	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the city of Boston to pay a sum of money to the father of John L. Benaglia [1923, 471]	June 20, 1923	–[4]	–
July 6	City Clerk, Worcester	An Act authorizing the city of Worcester to pay certain claims for personal injuries caused by its fire apparatus [1923, 463]	July 2, 1923	–[4]	–
July 10	Clerk, County Commissioners of Essex County.	An Act relative to the reconstruction of Haverhill lower bridge over the Merrimack river at Main street in the city of Haverhill [1923, 449]	June 8, 1923	–[12]	–
July 11	Assistant City Clerk, Boston	An Act relative to the expenses of medical examiners in the county of Suffolk [1923, 439]	July 10, 1923	–[6]	–
July 30	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the city of Boston to pay a sum of money to the father of Henry C. Grote [1923, 433]	July 24, 1923	–[6]	–
Aug. 15	Mayor, Boston	An Act establishing the office and fixing the salary of third assistant clerk of the municipal court of the Roxbury district of the city of Boston [1923, 379]	Aug. 13, 1923	–[13]	–

[1] Accepted by unanimous vote.
[2] Accepted by the county commissioners of Middlesex County.
[3] Accepted by the board of aldermen.
[4] Accepted by city council.
[5] Accepted by the mayor and city council.
[6] Accepted by the city council of Boston.
[7] Accepted by the county commissioners of Norfolk County.
[8] Accepted by the mayor and city council of Boston.
[9] Accepted by the county commissioners of Plymouth County.
[10] Accepted by the municipal council of Haverhill.
[11] Accepted by the Mount Tom State Reservation Commission.
[12] Accepted by the county commissioners of Essex County.
[13] Accepted by the mayor of the city of Boston.

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When received.	From whom received.	TITLE OF ACT.	Date of Action.	VOTE.	
				Yes.	No.
1923					
Aug. 15	Mayor, Boston	An Act relative to court officers for the municipal court of the city of Boston and the municipal court of the West Roxbury district [1923, 448]	Aug. 13, 1923	–[1]	–
Aug. 22	Clerk, Directors, Boston Elevated Railway Company.	An Act relative to the payment of bonds to be issued by the commonwealth for the enlargement of the Harvard square subway station and to the rental to be paid for such enlargement by the Boston Elevated Railway Company [1923, 360]	June 11, 1923	–[2]	–
Aug. 22	Clerk, Public Trustees of Boston Elevated Railway Company.	An Act relative to the payment of bonds to be issued by the commonwealth for the enlargement of the Harvard square subway station and to the rental to be paid for such enlargement by the Boston Elevated Railway Company [1923, 360]	June 6, 1923	–[3]	–
Aug. 22	Clerk, Boston Elevated Railway Company.	Certification that a contract was executed by the company and the commonwealth to use the alterations and extensions provided for by chapter 483, Acts of 1922 and further that a contract for the alteration by said company and the commonwealth of said existing contract for such use to conform to provisions of chapter 360, Acts of 1923 was duly executed by said company and the commonwealth, being dated June 19, 1923	June 19, 1923	–[4]	–
Sept. 13	City Clerk, Boston	An Act providing for the extension of rapid transit facilities in the Dorchester district of the city of Boston [1923, 480]	Sept. 12, 1923	–[5]	–
Sept. 20	City Clerk, Boston	An Act requiring the installation of standpipes and other equipment in certain buildings in the city of Boston [1923, 278]	Sept. 18, 1923	–[5]	–
Oct. 27	Clerk, Fayville Fire and Water District.	An Act establishing the Fayville Fire and Water District in the town of Southborough [1923, 474]	Oct. 8, 1923	28	3
Nov. 16	Clerk, Boston Elevated Railway Company.	An Act to consolidate the Somerville Horse Railroad Company and the Boston Elevated Railway Company [1923, 295]	April 30, 1923	–[2]	–
Nov. 16	Clerk, Somerville Horse Railroad Company.	An Act to consolidate the Somerville Horse Railroad Company and the Boston Elevated Railway Company [1923, 295]	Nov. 15, 1923	–[6]	–
Dec. 5	City Clerk, Worcester	An Act providing retirement allowances based on annuity and pension contributions for employees of the city of Worcester [1923, 410]	Nov. 13, 1923	–[7]	–
Dec. 14	City Clerk, Holyoke	An Act to establish a two year term of office of mayor of the city of Holyoke [1923, 253]	Dec. 4, 1923	3,866	9,230
Dec. 17	Board of Election Commissioners, Boston.	An Act providing that school teachers in the city of Boston shall receive equal pay for the same kind and grade of service, irrespective of sex [1923, 460]	Dec. 11, 1923	29,212	51,751

[1] Accepted by the mayor of the city of Boston.
[2] Accepted by the directors of the Boston Elevated Railway Company.
[3] Accepted by the public trustees of the Boston Elevated Railway Company.
[4] Accepted by the Boston Elevated Railway Company.
[5] Accepted by the city council of Boston.
[6] Accepted by vote of the stockholders of the Somerville Horse Railroad Company.
[7] Accepted by the mayor and city council of Worcester for submission to the voters of said city.

RETURNS OF VOTES CAST UPON THE QUESTION OF THE ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF CHAPTER 516 OF THE ACTS OF 1922, BEING "AN ACT REQUIRING CERTAIN CITIES AND TOWNS TO VOTE ON THE QUESTION OF THE INSTALLATION BY THE COMMONWEALTH OF A MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING SYSTEM" SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS OF THE FOLLOWING NAMED TOWNS OF THE COMMONWEALTH AT TOWN MEETINGS HELD IN 1923.

NAME OF TOWN.	Date of Action.	Result of Action.	Yes.	No.
Abington	March 5, 1923	Rejected	324	414
Acton	March 5, 1923	Rejected	86	116
Adams	March 5, 1923	Rejected	509	1,374
Agawam	March 5, 1923	Accepted	147	140
Alford	March 19, 1923	Rejected	7	36
Andover	March 5, 1923	Rejected	514	894
Arlington	March 5, 1923	Rejected	624	1,361
Ashburnham	March 5, 1923	Accepted	179	76
Ashby	March 6, 1923	Rejected	–	"Unanimous"
Ashfield	March 5, 1923	Rejected	13	52
Auburn	Feb. 5, 1923	Accepted	367	189
Ayer	Feb. 5, 1923	Rejected	126	213
Barre	March 5, 1923	Rejected	121	226
Becket	March 27, 1923	Rejected	–	"Unanimous"
Bellingham	March 5, 1923	Rejected	82	112
Belmont	March 5, 1923	Rejected	422	577
Berkley	March 19, 1923	Rejected	–	"Unanimous"
Berlin	Feb. 5, 1923	Rejected	34	53
Bernardston	Feb. 5, 1923	Rejected	14	56
Blackstone	March 12, 1923	Rejected	1	14
Blandford	Feb. 5, 1923	Accepted	51	8
Bolton	Feb. 7, 1923	Rejected	20	30
Bourne	March 7, 1923	Rejected	157	165
Boxborough	Feb. 5, 1923	Accepted	26	22
Boylston	March 5, 1923	Rejected	36	70
Brewster	March 5, 1923	Voted to lay article on the table	–	–
Brookfield	March 5, 1923	Rejected	70	199
Brookline	March 6, 1923	Rejected	880	1,227
Buckland	Feb. 5, 1923	Rejected	49	82
Burlington	Feb. 5, 1923	Accepted	96	58
Carver	March 5, 1923	Accepted	39	38
Charlemont	Feb. 5, 1923	Rejected	None	40
Charlton	Feb. 5, 1923	Rejected	52	123
Chatham	Feb. 5, 1923	Accepted	138	132
Cheshire	Feb. 5, 1923	Rejected	68	129
Chester	Feb. 5, 1923	Accepted	109	59
Chesterfield	March 5, 1923	Rejected	7	46
Chilmark	Feb. 5, 1923	"Voted to indefinitely postpone"	–	–
Clarksburg	Feb. 13, 1923	Rejected	–	"Unanimous"
Clinton	March 5, 1923	Accepted	1,597	628
Cohasset	March 5, 1923	Accepted	375	216
Colrain	Feb. 5, 1923	Rejected	24	32
Concord	Feb. 26, 1923	Rejected	27	239
Conway	Feb. 5, 1923	Rejected	33	66
Cummington	Feb. 5, 1923	Accepted	31	20
Dalton	Feb. 5, 1923	Rejected	26	164
Dana	March 5, 1923	Accepted	43	27
Danvers	March 26, 1923	Rejected	33	420
Dartmouth	March 5, 1923	Accepted	228	199
Dennis	March 19, 1923	Rejected	113	132
Dighton	March 5, 1923	Accepted	128	59
Douglas	March 19, 1923	Rejected	51	170
Dover	March 5, 1923	Rejected	24	165
Dudley	March 26, 1923	Accepted	218	86
Dunstable	March 5, 1923	Rejected	11	24
East Bridgewater	March 10, 1923	Rejected	79	244
Eastham	Feb. 5, 1923	Rejected	None	24
Easthampton	March 12, 1923	Accepted	645	540
East Longmeadow	Feb. 12, 1923	Rejected	76	143
Easton	March 12, 1923	Rejected	221	347
Egremont	March 19, 1923	Rejected	4	98
Enfield	Feb. 5, 1923	Rejected	14	68
Erving	Feb. 5, 1923	Rejected "by acclamation."	–	–
Essex	March 12, 1923	Rejected	66	186
East Brookfield	March 5, 1923	"Voted not to adopt. Count not taken"	–	–
Falmouth	Feb. 15, 1923	Accepted	374	324
Florida	Feb. 5, 1923	Rejected	None	46
Foxborough	March 5, 1923	Accepted	284	202
Franklin	Feb. 13, 1923	Rejected	218	706
Gay Head	March 21, 1923	"No action taken"	–	–

Name of Town.	Date of Action.	Result of Action.	Yes.	No.
Gill	March 5, 1923	Rejected	None	68
Granby	Feb. 19, 1923	Rejected	–	57
Granville	Feb. 12, 1923	Accepted	35	18
Great Barrington	March 19, 1923	Rejected	239	644
Greenfield	March 5, 1923	Accepted	803	400
Greenwich	Feb. 12, 1923	Rejected	9	20
Groton	Feb. 5, 1923	Accepted	202	130
Groveland	March 12, 1923	Accepted	70	66
Hadley	Feb. 5, 1923	Accepted	50	40
Hampden	Feb. 5, 1923	Accepted	30	21
Hancock	Feb. 5, 1923	Rejected	8	30
Hanover	March 12, 1923	Accepted	185	148
Hanson	March 5, 1923	Rejected	20	32
Harvard	Feb. 5, 1923	Rejected	26	94
Harwich	Feb. 5, 1923	Accepted	180	88
Hatfield	Feb. 5, 1923	Accepted	121	84
Hawley	Feb. 5, 1923	Rejected	2	21
Heath	Feb. 5, 1923	Rejected	–	40
Hinsdale	Feb. 5, 1923	Rejected	35	79
Holbrook	March 5, 1923	Accepted	353	136
Holden	Feb. 5, 1923	Accepted	110	89
Holland	Feb. 12, 1923	Accepted	9	6
Hopedale	March 5, 1923	Rejected	–	16
Hubbardston	Feb. 5, 1923	"Voted to pass over the article"	–	–
Hudson	March 12, 1923	Rejected	249	817
Hull	March 5, 1923	Accepted	189	75
Kingston	March 3, 1923	Rejected	23	52
Lakeville	April 2, 1923	Rejected	9	25
Lancaster	March 19, 1923	Rejected	19	104
Lee	Feb. 12, 1923	Accepted	262	166
Leicester	Feb. 5, 1923	Accepted	311	128
Lenox	Feb. 5, 1923	Accepted	214	173
Leverett	Feb. 5, 1923	"Voted to pass the article"	–	–
Leyden	March 5, 1923	"Voted to pass over"	–	–
Lincoln	March 6, 1923	Rejected	12	46
Littleton	Feb. 12, 1923	Accepted	45	41
Longmeadow	Feb. 19, 1923	Accepted	164	97
Lunenburg	March 5, 1923	Accepted	90	79
Lynnfield	March 13, 1923	Accepted	33	25
Marblehead	Feb. 19, 1923	Accepted	533	464
Marion	March 6, 1923	Rejected	63	128
Marshfield	March 5, 1923	Accepted	152	111
Mattapoisett	Feb. 6, 1923	Accepted	71	65
Maynard	Feb. 12, 1923	Accepted	509	122
Medway	March 5, 1923	Rejected	121	265
Mendon	March 5, 1923	Tie vote	44	44
Merrimac	March 5, 1923	Accepted	167	95
Methuen	March 5, 1923	Accepted	1,081	504
Middleborough	Jan. 15, 1923	Accepted	606	272
Middlefield	Feb. 12, 1923	Rejected	2	19
Middleton	March 5, 1923	Accepted	88	65
Milford	March 5, 1923	Accepted	1,093	624
Millbury	Feb. 5, 1923	Accepted	421	289
Millis	Feb. 12, 1923	Accepted	81	34
Milton	March 3, 1923	Accepted	593	357
Monroe	March 12, 1923	"No vote taken. Passed over"	–	–
Monson	Feb. 5, 1923	Accepted	219	177
Montague	March 5, 1923	Accepted	432	203
Monterey	Feb. 19, 1923	"No action"	–	–
Montgomery	Feb. 5, 1923	"Voted not to petition"	–	–
Mt. Washington	Feb. 5, 1923	Rejected	–	7
Nahant	March 17, 1923	Accepted	392	54
Nantucket	Feb. 12, 1923	Accepted	318	105
New Ashford	Feb. 5, 1923	Rejected	None	12
New Braintree	Feb. 5, 1923	Rejected	–	31
Newbury	March 20, 1923	Rejected	32	74
New Marlborough	March 19, 1923	Rejected	32	131
New Salem	Feb. 5, 1923	Rejected	1	32
Norfolk	March 5, 1923	Rejected	–	95
North Andover	March 5, 1923	Accepted	610	531
No. Attleborough	March 19, 1923	Rejected	229	1,403
Northborough	March 5, 1923	Rejected	53	270
Northbridge	March 26, 1923	Rejected	185	281
No. Brookfield	Feb. 12, 1923	Rejected	13	293
North Reading	March 5, 1923	Rejected	–	"Hand vote No".
Norwell	March 12, 1923	Rejected	56	117
Norwood	Jan. 15, 1923	Accepted	546	279
Oakham	Feb. 5, 1923	Rejected	6	40
Orleans	Feb. 5, 1923	Accepted	130	50

Name of Town.	Date of Action.	Result of Action.	Yes.	No.
Paxton	Feb. 5, 1923	Accepted	61	45
Pelham	Feb. 5, 1923	Rejected	1	37
Pepperell	Feb. 26, 1923	Accepted	215	113
Phillipston	Feb. 5, 1923	Rejected	None	33
Plainfield	March 5, 1923	Laid on the table	–	–
Plainville	March 5, 1923	Rejected	–	92
Plympton	March 3, 1923	Rejected	5	37
Prescott	Feb. 5, 1923	Rejected	None	26
Princeton	Feb. 5, 1923	"Voted to pass over the Article"	–	–
Provincetown	Feb. 12, 1923	Accepted	285	93
Randolph	March 5, 1923	Accepted	420	247
Reading	March 5, 1923	Rejected	102	122
Rehoboth	March 5, 1923	Rejected	43	48
Richmond	Feb. 5, 1923	Rejected	28	45
Rochester	March 5, 1923	Voted to appoint a committee of three to investigate and report at the next annual meeting	–	–
Rockland	March 12, 1923	Rejected	365	766
Rockport	March 5, 1923	Accepted	222	211
Rowe	March 5, 1923	"No action"	–	–
Rowley	March 12, 1923	Rejected	28	172
Royalston	March 5, 1923	Rejected	2	52
Rutland	Feb. 5, 1923	Rejected	20	24
Salisbury	March 17, 1923	"Voted to indefinitely postpone"	–	–
Savoy	Feb. 5, 1923	"Passed over"	–	–
Scituate	March 12, 1923	Accepted	366	207
Seekonk	Feb. 5, 1923	"No action was taken"	–	–
Sheffield	March 5, 1923	Rejected	17	120
Shelburne	Feb. 5, 1923	Rejected	24	84
Sherborn	March 5, 1923	Accepted	159	57
Shirley	Feb. 5, 1923	Rejected	88	126
Shrewsbury	Feb. 5, 1923	Accepted[1]	134	101
Shutesbury	Feb. 5, 1923	Rejected	Vote not	given.
Somerset	March 5, 1923	Action postponed until next town meeting	–	–
Southampton	Feb. 12, 1923	Accepted	Vote not	given.
South Hadley	March 19, 1923	Accepted	312	210
Spencer	March 5, 1923	Rejected	184	724
Sterling	Feb. 5, 1923	"Voted to pass over the article"	–	–
Stoughton	Feb. 19, 1923	Rejected	25	87
Stow	Feb. 19, 1923	Rejected	25	34
Sudbury	Feb. 5, 1923	Accepted	77	47
Sunderland	Feb. 5, 1923	Rejected	12	34
Sutton	Feb. 5, 1923	Rejected	87	98
Swansea	March 5, 1923	Rejected	66	97
Templeton	March 5, 1923	Accepted	235	148
Tewksbury	Feb. 5, 1923	Rejected	94	96
Tolland	Feb. 5, 1923	Rejected	None	13
Townsend	March 5, 1923	Accepted	122	93
Truro	Feb. 19, 1923	Rejected	15	64
Tyngsborough	March 5, 1923	Accepted	109	70
Tyringham	Feb. 12, 1923	"No action taken"	–	–
Upton	Feb. 5, 1923	Rejected	71	75
Wales	Feb. 5, 1923	Rejected	31	39
Ware	Feb. 5, 1923	Rejected	402	588
Wareham	March 6, 1923	Accepted	372	361
Warren	Feb. 5, 1923	Accepted	231	137
Warwick	Feb. 5, 1923	"Passed over"	–	–
Washington	Feb. 12, 1923	Rejected	14	23
Watertown	March 5, 1923	Accepted	1,814	1,010
Wayland	March 5, 1923	Accepted	259	144
Wellesley	March 5, 1923	Rejected	120	507
Wendell	March 5, 1923	Rejected	17	40
Wenham	March 5, 1923	Rejected	16	181
Westborough	March 5, 1923	Rejected	191	240
West Boylston	Feb. 5, 1923	"Voted to pass over the article"	–	–
West Brookfield	Feb. 12, 1923	"Voted to pass it over"	–	–
Westhampton	March 5, 1923	Rejected	5	49
Westminster	March 5, 1923	Rejected	1	65
West Newbury	March 5, 1923	Rejected	89	91
Westport	March 12, 1923	Rejected	188	227
West Stockbridge	Feb. 5, 1923	Accepted	83	45
West Tisbury	Feb. 12, 1923	"Voted unanimously not to so petition"	–	–
Westwood	March 5, 1923	Rejected	152	269
Weymouth	March 12, 1923	Rejected	555	670

[1] Vote rescinded at meeting held Feb. 12, 1923, Yes, 111, No, 5.

Name of Town.	Date of Action.	Result of Action.	Yes.	No.
Whately	Feb. 5, 1923	Rejected	13	29
Wilbraham	Feb. 5, 1923	Accepted	69	53
Williamsburg	March 5, 1923	Rejected	84	92
Williamstown	Feb. 5, 1923	Rejected	199	219
Wilmington	March 5, 1923	Rejected	59	334
Winchester	March 5, 1923	Accepted	645	623
Windsor	Feb. 5, 1923	"Voted not to accept"	–	–
Worthington	Feb. 5, 1923	Vote was not taken	–	–
Yarmouth	Feb. 12, 1923	Accepted	110	104

Returns of Votes on the Question of granting Licenses for the Sale of Certain Non-Intoxicating Beverages, etc., 1923.

Returns made by the Several City and Town Clerks to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, in the Year 1923, under the Requirements of Section 11, Chapter 138, General Laws, showing the Vote given at their Last Annual Meeting on the Question, "Shall Licenses be granted for the Sale of Certain Non-Intoxicating Beverages in this City or Town?" etc.

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	No. Issued.	Amounts Received for Same.	No. Revoked.	No. Issued.	Amounts Received for Same	No. Revoked.	No. Issued.	Amounts Received for Same.	No. Revoked.		Yes.	No.
Barnstable Co.												
Barnstable	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	540	544
Bourne	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	201	251
Brewster	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	98	6
Chatham	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–[1]	–
Dennis	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	135	189
Eastham	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	34	12
Falmouth	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	470	472
Harwich	1	$1 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	$1 00	163	214
Mashpee	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	29	47
Orleans	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	134	141
Provincetown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	243	248
Sandwich	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	185	185
Truro	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	25	50
Wellfleet	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–[1]	–
Yarmouth	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	181	147
Totals	1	$1 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	$1 00	2,438	2,506
Berkshire Co.												
Adams	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	$2 00	–	$2 00	1,466	903
Alford	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	15	48
Becket	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	67	66
Cheshire	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	107	139
Clarksburg	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	54	75
Dalton	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	78	116
Egremont	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	49	64
Florida	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	4	40
Great Barrington	2	$2 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2 00	675	562
Hancock	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	25	37
Hinsdale	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	56	119
Lanesborough	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	36	54
Lee	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	392	313
Lenox	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	311	280
Monterey	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	16	24
Mount Washington	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	5	1
New Ashford	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	5	6
New Marlborough	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	93	99
North Adams	6	6 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	6 00	1,438	1,527
Otis	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	33	38
Peru	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	6
Pittsfield	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	5,119	5,052
Richmond	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	28	71
Sandisfield	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	34	22
Savoy	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	25	2

[1] Question not placed on Ballot.

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	No. Issued.	Amounts Received for Same.	No. Revoked.	No. Issued.	Amounts Received for Same.	No. Revoked.	No. Issued.	Amounts Received for Same.	No. Revoked.		Yes.	No.
Berkshire Co. — Con.												
Sheffield	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	61	84
Stockbridge	1	$1 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	$1 00	174	194
Tyringham	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	8	13
Washington	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	34	14
West Stockbridge	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	82	89
Williamstown	2	2 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2 00	237	341
Windsor	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	14	10
Totals	11	$11 00	–	–	–	–	2	$2 00	–	$13 00	10,742	10,409
Bristol Co.												
Acushnet	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	231	210
Attleboro	1	$1 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	$1 00	883	1,056
Berkley	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	58	104
Dartmouth	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	235	366
Dighton	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	136	158
Easton	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	348	409
Fairhaven	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	110	155
Fall River	33	32 00[1]	1	–	–	–	1	$1 00	–	33 00	12,993	8,285
Freetown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	53	71
Mansfield	2	2 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2 00	490	592
New Bedford	46	46 00	4	–	–	–	–	–	–	46 00	–[2]	–
North Attleborough	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	958	882
Norton	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	185	201
Raynham	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	50	77
Rehoboth	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	71	89
Seekonk	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	108
Somerset	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	8	54
Swansea	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	92	207
Taunton	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	3,269	2,442
Westport	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	257	363
Totals	82	$81 00	5	–	–	–	1	$1 00	–	$82 00	20,429	15,829
Dukes Co.												
Chilmark	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	13	20
Edgartown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	107	81
Gay Head	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	15	6
Gosnold	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	32	2
Oak Bluffs	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	162	102
Tisbury	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	76	156
West Tisbury	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–[3]	–
Totals	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	405	367
Essex Co.												
Amesbury	2	$2 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	$2 00	802	847
Andover	1	1 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1 00	784	1,038
Beverly	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1,505	2,218
Boxford	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	16	20
Danvers	3	3 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	3 00	152	319
Essex	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	123	202
Georgetown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	81	95
Gloucester	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2,206	2,961
Groveland	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	74	118
Hamilton	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	237	238
Haverhill	11	11 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	11 00	3,332	2,918
Ipswich	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	388	456
Lawrence	28	28 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	28 00	13,227	5,583
Lynn	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	10,099	9,689
Lynnfield	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	38	44
Manchester	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	241	291
Marblehead	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	608	726
Merrimac	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	152	262
Methuen	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1,208	1,357
Middleton	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	108	106
Nahant	1	1 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1 00	320	263
Newbury	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	59	96
Newburyport	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1,553	2,381
North Andover	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	887	879
Peabody	8	8 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	8 00	1,186	1,133
Rockport	1	1 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1 00	288	541
Rowley	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	91	152

[1] One revoked. [2] Biennial election. [3] Question not placed on Ballot.

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Essex Co.—Con.												
Salem	11	$11 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	$11 00	4,642	5,044
Salisbury	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	181	219
Saugus	1	1 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1 00	378	620
Swampscott	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	565	1,356
Topsfield	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	72	102
Wenham	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	77	140
West Newbury	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	98	213
Totals	67	$67 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	$67 00	45,778	42,627
Franklin Co.												
Ashfield	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–[1]	–
Bernardston	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	34	58
Buckland	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	73	97
Charlemont	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–[1]	–
Colrain	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	22	48
Conway	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	72	73
Deerfield	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	140	94
Erving	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	120	47
Gill	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	4	37
Greenfield	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1,020	849
Hawley	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–[1]	–
Heath	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–[1]	–
Leverett	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	6	34
Leyden	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	10	22
Monroe	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	8
Montague	2	$2 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	$2 00	699	396
New Salem	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	27
Northfield	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	60	176
Orange	2	2 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2 00	422	393
Rowe	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–[1]	–
Shelburne	1	1 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1 00	41	94
Shutesbury	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–[1]	–
Sunderland	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	17	37
Warwick	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	11	14
Wendell	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	52	35
Whately	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	20	33
Totals	5	$5 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	$5 00	2,826	2,572
Hampden Co.												
Agawam	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	231	184
Blandford	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	17	49
Brimfield	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	36	64
Chester	1	$1 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	$1 00	135	92
Chicopee	5	5 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	5 00	3,614	2,036
East Longmeadow	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	120	163
Granville	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	49	65
Hampden	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	39	35
Holland	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	11	13
Holyoke	16	16 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	16 00	7,582	5,158
Longmeadow	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	103	233
Ludlow	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	504	341
Monson	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	349	325
Montgomery	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	4	8
Palmer	3	3 00	–	–	–	–	5	$5 00	–	8	565	2[illegible]0
Russell	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	97	91
Southwick	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	89	102
Springfield	34	34 00	–	1	$250 00	–	–	–	–	284 00	3,026	1,660
Tolland	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	4	10
Wales	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	54	48
West Springfield	1	1 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1 00	901	625
Westfield	5	5 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	5 00	752	632
Wilbraham	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	71	108
Totals	65	$65 00	–	1	$250 00	–	5	$5 00	–	$320 00	18,353	12,322
Hampshire Co.												
Amherst	3	$3 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	$3 00	314	476
Belchertown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	154	162
Chesterfield	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	6	38
Cummington	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	17	80
Easthampton	2	2 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2 00	1,101	687
Enfield	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	60	40

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Hampshire Co. —Con.												
Goshen	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–[1]	–
Granby	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	11	78
Greenwich	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	15	36
Hadley	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	85	85
Hatfield	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	108	146
Huntington	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	167	117
Middlefield	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	15	16
Northampton	2	$2 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	$2 00	2,170	1,658
Pelham	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	33	24
Plainfield	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	6	20
Prescott	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	10	15
South Hadley	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	430	446
Southampton	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	12	37
Ware	1	1 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1 00	846	571
Westhampton	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	43
Williamsburg	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	156	147
Worthington	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	33	67
Totals	8	$8 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	$8 00	5,751	4,989
Middlesex Co.												
Acton	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	119	189
Arlington	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	932	1,606
Ashby	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	9	31
Ashland	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	202	282
Ayer	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	239	272
Bedford	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	125	190
Belmont	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	489	799
Billerica	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	296	482
Boxborough	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	23	32
Burlington	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	127	78
Cambridge	20	$20 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	$20 00	9,380	9,176
Carlisle	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	36	62
Chelmsford	1	1 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1 00	267	588
Concord	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	51	155
Dracut	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	275	251
Dunstable	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	14	33
Everett	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2,330	3,149
Framingham	5	5 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	5 00	1,273	1,176
Groton	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	198	259
Holliston	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	253	255
Hopkinton	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	362	382
Hudson	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	607	679
Lexington	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	703	709
Lincoln	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	18	42
Littleton	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	30	100
Lowell	25	25 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	25 00	8,984	5,594
Malden	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	3,312	4,527
Marlborough	4	4 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	4 00	2,743	2,024
Maynard	2	2 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2 00	590	561
Medford	8	8 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	8 00	–[2]	–
Melrose	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–[2]	–
Natick	5	5 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	5 00	1,643	1,637
Newton	11	11 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	11 00	3,288	5,091
North Reading	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	51	64
Pepperell	1	1 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1 00	227	195
Reading	1	1 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1 00	66	226
Sherborn	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	134	165
Shirley	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	130	109
Somerville	21	21 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	21 00	7,266	9,822
Stoneham	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	581	799
Stow	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	21	51
Sudbury	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	80	140
Tewksbury	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	108	180
Townsend	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	149	175
Tyngsborough	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	82	115
Wakefield	3	3 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	3 00	761	1,108
Waltham	5	5 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	5 00	2,072	2,889
Watertown	1	1 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1 00	1,899	2,459
Wayland	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	235	343
Westford	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	135	135
Weston	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	45	64

[1] Question not placed on Ballot. [2] Biennial election.

Counties, Cities and Towns.	Third Class.			Fourth Class.			Fifth Class.			Amounts Received for Licenses.	Vote at Last Annual Meeting. Shall Licenses be Granted?	
	No. Issued.	Amounts Received for Same.	No. Revoked.	No. Issued.	Amounts Received for Same.	No. Revoked.	No. Issued.	Amounts Received for Same.	No. Revoked.		Yes.	No.
Middlesex Co.—Con.												
Wilmington	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	156	236
Winchester	2	$2 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	$2 00	584	960
Woburn	4	20 00[1]	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	20 00	1,905	2,892
Totals	119	$135 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	$135 00	55,605	63,538
Nantucket Co.												
Nantucket	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	318	256
Norfolk Co.												
Avon	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	162	171
Bellingham	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	163	150
Braintree	1	$1 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	$1 00	1,076	1,070
Brookline	12	12 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	12 00	1,351	1,491
Canton	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	690	730
Cohasset	1	1 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1 00	403	484
Dedham	3	3 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	3 00	1,019	1,145
Dover	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	84	103
Foxborough	1	1 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1 00	303	425
Franklin	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	600	472
Holbrook	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	307	396
Medfield	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	144	140
Medway	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	240	267
Millis	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	92	93
Milton	1	1 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1 00	582	803
Needham	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	563	1,039
Norfolk	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	117	164
Norwood	2	2 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2 00	633	631
Plainville	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	61	92
Quincy	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	3,789	5,208
Randolph	2	2 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2 00	517	417
Sharon	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	164	349
Stoughton	1	1 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1 00	48	66
Walpole	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	571	453
Wellesley	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	262	477
Westwood	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	153	265
Weymouth	1	1 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1 00	1,011	1,080
Wrentham	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	131	141
Totals	25	$25 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	$25 00	15,236	18,322
Plymouth Co.												
Abington	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	516	474
Bridgewater	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	375	393
Brockton	12	$12 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	$12 00	9,293	8,908
Carver	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	35	106
Duxbury	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	162	106
East Bridgewater	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	202	176
Halifax	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	33	63
Hanover	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	216	316
Hanson	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	24	43
Hingham	2	2 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2 00	576	509
Hull	1	1 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1 00	283	82
Kingston	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	42	56
Lakeville	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	18	42
Marion	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	63	117
Marshfield	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	144	91
Mattapoisett	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	94	175
Middleborough	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	594	870
Norwell	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	88	115
Pembroke	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	63	62
Plymouth	3	3 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	3 00	456	388
Plympton	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	22	24
Rochester	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	11	24
Rockland	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	943	764
Scituate	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	404	431
Wareham	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	252	195
West Bridgewater	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	164	215
Whitman	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	807	827
Totals	18	$18 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	$18 00	15,880	15,572

[1] Fee established by city ordinance.

Counties, Cities and Towns.	Third Class.			Fourth Class.			Fifth Class.			Amounts Received for Licenses.	Vote at Last Annual Meeting. Shall Licenses be Granted?	
	No. Issued.	Amounts Received for Same.	No. Revoked.	No. Issued.	Amounts Received for Same.	No Revoked.	No. Issued.	Amounts Received for Same.	No. Revoked.		Yes.	No.
Suffolk Co.												
Boston	229	$229 00	4	10	$3,000 00	–	2	$2 00	–	$3,231 00	47,919	28,754
Chelsea	12	12 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	12 00	3,931	2,596
Revere	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–[1]	–
Winthrop	5	5 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	5 00	604	1,117
Totals	246	$246 00	4	10	$3,000 00	–	2	$2 00	–	$3,248 00	52,454	32,467
Worcester Co.												
Ashburnham	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	135	174
Athol	2	$2 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	$2 00	764	641
Auburn	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	364	478
Barre	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	219	213
Berlin	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	24	105
Blackstone	1	1 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1 00	13	–
Bolton	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	16	51
Boylston	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	42	119
Brookfield	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	168	172
Charlton	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	124	124
Clinton	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1,782	1,472
Dana	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	58	47
Douglas	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	91	135
Dudley	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	326	144
East Brookfield	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	71	42
Fitchburg	18	18 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	18 00	3,674	3,087
Gardner	6	6 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	6 00	302	247
Grafton	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–[2]	–
Hardwick	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	150	108
Harvard	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	53	91
Holden	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	91	200
Hopedale	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	6	33
Hubbardston	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	58	61
Lancaster	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	42	77
Leicester	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	382	322
Leominster	7	7 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	7 00	1,061	854
Lunenburg	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	102	163
Mendon	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	36	71
Milford	4	4 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	4 00	1,738	881
Millbury	1	1 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1 00	659	428
Millville	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	276	163
New Braintree	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–[2]	–
North Brookfield	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	98	193
Northborough	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	143	233
Northbridge	3	3 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	3 00	323	306
Oakham	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	16	32
Oxford	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	367	280
Paxton	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	68	72
Petersham	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	69	86
Phillipston	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	16	19
Princeton	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	6
Royalston	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	56
Rutland	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	23	43
Shrewsbury	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	110	194
Southborough	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	123	165
Southbridge	3	3 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	3 00	2,034	921
Spencer	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	630	528
Sterling	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	70	83
Sturbridge	1	1 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1 00	131	134
Sutton	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	86	162
Templeton	2	2 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2 00	272	274
Upton	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	87	134
Uxbridge	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	434	501
Warren	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	357	227
Webster	3	3 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	3 00	1,572	539
West Boylston	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	42	173
West Brookfield	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	41	72
Westborough	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	216	370
Westminster	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	18	85
Winchendon	2	2 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2 00	498	411
Worcester	39	39 00	–	2	$600 00	–	–	–	–	639 00	24,269	18,204
Totals	92	$92 00	–	2	$600 00	–	–	–	–	$692 00	44,944	35,206

[1] Biennial election. [2] Question not placed on Ballot.

Recapitulation.

Counties.	Vote at Last Annual Meeting. Shall Licenses be Granted?		Number Issued.			Number Revoked.	Amounts Received for Licenses.
	Yes.	No.	Third Class.	Fourth Class.	Fifth Class.		
Barnstable	2,438	2,506	1	–	–	–	$1 00
Berkshire	10,742	10,409	11	–	2	–	13 00
Bristol	20,429	15,829	82	–	1	5	82 00
Dukes Co.	405	367	–	–	–	–	–
Essex	45,778	42,627	67	–	–	–	67 00
Franklin	2,826	2,572	5	–	–	5	–
Hampden	18,353	12,322	65	1	5	–	320 00
Hampshire	5,751	4,989	8	–	–	–	8 00
Middlesex	55,605	63,538	119	–	–	–	135 00
Nantucket	318	256	–	–	–	–	–
Norfolk	15,236	18,322	25	–	–	–	25 00
Plymouth	15,880	15,572	18	–	–	–	18 00
Suffolk	52,454	32,467	246	10	2	4	3,248 00
Worcester	44,944	35,206	92	2	–	–	692 00
Totals	291,159	256,982	739	13	10	9	$4,614 00

Abstract of the Returns of the Sheriffs of the Several Counties of the Commonwealth for the Year ending September 30, 1923, in Compliance with Chapter 37, Section 23, of the General Laws.

Counties.	Amount of Money Received.					Number of Days' Attendance.			
	From County Treasurer.	From All Other Sources.	Totals.	For Fees in Civil Processes.	For Fees in Criminal Processes.	Upon the Court.	Upon County Commissioners.	Upon More than One Tribunal Simultaneously.	Total.
Barnstable	–	$425 00	$425 00	–	$425 00	19	–	–	19
Berkshire	$2,300 00	1,800 00	4,100 00	–	–	63	14	6	83
Bristol	4,000 00[1]	–	4,000 00	–	–	160	20	5	185
Dukes	365 00	486 10	851 10	$465 64	20 46	25[2]	–	–	25
Essex	–	15,860 68	15,860 68	–	–	198	–	120	198
Franklin	1,561 04	423 00	1,984 04	–	–	48	–	–	48
Hampden	3,900 00	6,278 00	10,178 00	–	–	203	12	90	305
Hampshire	–	3,851 05	3,851 05	–	–	54	3	–	57
Middlesex	4,600 00	36,492 74	41,092 74	–	–	1,288	–	186	1,474
Nantucket	182 75	–	182 75	–[3]	–[3]	3	–	–	3
Norfolk	3,700 00	7,264 74	10,964 74	7,264 74	–	179	–	66	245
Plymouth	3,500 00	208 36[4]	3,708 36	–	–	82	43	11	125
Suffolk	4,000 00[5]	83,942 73[6]	87,942 73	–	–	2,853[7]	–	–	2,853
Worcester	4,100 00	32,339 95	36,439 95	–	–	232	–	458	690
Totals	$32,208 79	$189,372 35	$221,581 14	$7,730 38	$445 46	5,407	92	942	6,310

[1] Salary.
[2] Approximate.
[3] Allowed to retain fees by statute.
[4] Travel expenses.
[5] Salary, $3,000 as sheriff, $1,000 as keeper of county jail.
[6] Fines $82,348.49; board of poor debtors, $44.50; sale of old material, $258.54; collected on civil process at jail, $1,255.85; board of United States prisoners, $24.50; refund on coal charge, $10.85.
[7] Superior Criminal Court, first session, 234; second session, 188; third session, 155; fourth session, 88; fifth session, 19; sixth session, 19; seventh session, 15. Civil Court, first session, 167; second session, 174; third session, 163; fourth session, 172; fifth session, 168; sixth session, 171; seventh session, 173. Jury waived session, 146. Equity motion session, 302; merit session, 233. Divorce session, 80. Supreme Judicial Court, for the Commonwealth, 80; for the county, 106.

RETURNS RELATIVE TO THE TRIAL OF CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1923, IN COMPLIANCE WITH CHAPTER 221, SECTION 24, OF THE GENERAL LAWS.

COUNTIES.	No. of Jury Cases.	No. of Jury Waived Cases.	No. of Equity Suits pending at Beginning of Year.	No. of Each of Said Three Classes of Cases entered during the Year.			No. of Cases of Each Class actually tried during the Year.			No. of Cases of Each Class disposed of during the Year by Agreement of the Parties or by Order of the Court.			No. of Cases of Each Class remaining untried at the End of the Year.			No. of Cases wherein the Verdict of the Jury has been set aside by the Court on the Ground that it was excessive.	No. of Days during which the Court has sat in their Respective Counties for the Hearing of Said Three Classes of Cases.		
				First Class.	Second Class.	Third Class.	First Class.	Second Class.	Third Class.	First Class.	Second Class.	Third Class.	First Class.	Second Class.	Third Class.		First Class.	Second Class.	Third Class.
Barnstable	76	40	26	83	37	3	10	0	0	71	21	10	89	48	19	1	[1]–	[1]–	[1]–
Berkshire	192	121	100	173	74	14	26	4	1	122	61	11	217	130	102	–	26	[2]14	–
Bristol	1,410	471	341	752	306	135	106	53	34	496	176	63	1,666	601	413	1	125	26	13
Dukes	9	8	2	8	10	3	4	1	0	1	4	2	12	13	3	[3]1	[4]5	–	–
Essex	2,520	574	418	1,684	369	219	224	40	24	1,083	320	104	2,981	573	514	–	302	[2]78	–
Franklin	173	82	176	113	52	22	22	13	14	80	44	22	201	76	176	–	48	8	9
Hampden	2,100	811	546	911	457	176	104	42	3	705	365	139	2,225	844	560	3	191	15	4
Hampshire	144	104	66	102	57	13	23	4	3	75	52	7	153	102	67	–	21	2	3
Middlesex	4,293	1,283	1,592	2,427	833	314	363	79	4	2,017	688	176	4,751	1,258	1,726	3	503	57	4
Nantucket	1	1	1	–	8	1	1	1	1	1	–	–	–	15	–	–	1	1	1
Norfolk	942	255	301	500	170	80	100	21	2	383	135	41	1,059	290	340	1	104	[2], [5]27	–
Plymouth	496	515	283	346	321	71	49	145	10	151	307	12	642	385	332	–	78	28	2
Suffolk	15,284	3,438	3,661	7,031	2,442	1,690	1,273	267	[6]337	4,823	1,688	860	17,492	4,192	4,491	6	[7]1,197	149	[8]232
Worcester	2,470	617	352	1,371	457	188	157	111	78	806	363	46	2,878	600	416	–	203	43	43
Totals	30,110	8,320	7,865	15,501	5,593	2,929	2,462	781	511	10,814	4,224	1,493	34,366	9,127	9,159	16	2,804	448	311

[1] Unknown, owing to mixed sessions.
[2] Second and third classes.
[3] Court ordered new trial unless plaintiff remitted part of verdict.
[4] Approximate; all classes, 2 sittings.
[5] Including Law, Equity and Divorce, 152 libels heard.
[6] 289 being Suffolk cases.
[7] First session, 167 days; second session, 176 days; third session, 168 days; fourth session, 174 days; fifth session, 168 days; sixth session, 171 days; seventh session, 173 days.
[8] Equity merit session for all counties in the Commonwealth; equity motion session for all counties in the Commonwealth; a justice in attendance every day except Sundays and legal holidays.

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY, January 5, 1925.

To the Honorable Senate and the House of Representatives:

I have the honor to submit, in compliance with General Laws, chapter 9, section 17, the annual report of the transactions of this office for the year ending November 30, 1924, including the votes of the cities and towns on the question of granting licenses for the sale of certain non-intoxicating beverages; the returns of the sheriffs of the several counties of money received by them, and of their attendance upon a court of record and the county commissioners; a report showing the aggregate vote, both affirmative and negative, on every act or part of an act which shall have been referred by the General Court for acceptance or rejection to the voters of the Commonwealth or of any part thereof, or to the city council of any city, during the calendar year 1924; and a record of the work of this Department in respect to public records under chapter 66 of the General Laws.

There is also presented, in compliance with General Laws, chapter 221, section 24, as amended by Acts of 1924, chapter 131, abstract and tabular statements of the returns of the clerks of the courts for the several counties and the clerks of the Superior Court for civil and for criminal business in Suffolk county; as to civil cases, the number of jury cases, of jury waived cases, of equity cases and of divorce cases pending at the beginning of each year in the Superior Court for their respective counties, the number of each of said four classes of cases entered during the year, the number of cases of each class actually tried during the year, the number of cases of each class disposed of during the year by agreement of the parties or by order of the court, the number of cases of each class remaining untried at the end of the year, the number of cases wherein the verdict of the jury has been set aside by the court on the ground that it was excessive and the number of days during which the court has sat in their respective counties for the hearing of each of said four classes of cases; and, as to criminal cases, the number of such cases pending at the beginning of each year in the Superior Court for their respective counties, the number of indictments returned during the year, the number of appealed criminal cases entered during the year, the number of such cases actually tried during the year, the number of cases disposed of without trial during the year, the number of such cases remaining untried at the end of the year, the number of such cases wherein a new trial has been ordered and the number of days during which the court has sat in their respective counties for the hearing of such cases.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

The following table shows, in detail, the receipts from fees, etc., all of which were paid into the treasury daily, and quarterly reports thereof made to the Governor and Council, as required by General Laws, chapter 9, section 1: —

Commissions		$26,330 00
Corporation Certificates		460,520 44
Limited Partnerships		100 00
Sale of books, etc.		22,738 12
Labels, trade-marks, etc.		4,325 00
Certificates		2,448 00
Military records		178 00
Copies		9,751 36
Miscellaneous:		
Vital Statistics	$476 22	
Advance Sheets	502 00	
		978 22
		$527,369 14

The total expenses for salaries and incidentals during the year were $113,136.08, from which it appears that there was turned into the treasury of the Commonwealth $414,233.06 over the office expenses.

Commissions

The number of commissions issued during the year ending November 30, 1924, was 5,711 (an increase of 21 over the preceding year), of which 441 were without fee and 253 became void by reason of the failure of the appointees to take out the commissions or to qualify thereunder. The different classes were as follows:—

Notaries public	3,453
Justices of the peace	1,727
Special district police officers	35
Recorder of Land Court	1
Trustees, commissioners, etc.	179
Public warehousemen	72
Justices of the peace to solemnize marriages	55
Public administrators	6
Masters in chancery	13
Medical examiners	12
Clerks, municipal and district courts	13
Commissioners in other States	9
Justices and special justices, municipal and district courts	15
Associate medical examiners	9
Justices of the peace to issue warrants and take bail	8
Trial justices	5
Commissioners to qualify public officers	7
Commissioners in foreign countries	6
Associate justices, Superior Court	3
Ballot Law Commissioners	1
Licensing Board, City of Boston	2
Board of Excise, City of Chelsea	1
Board of Police, City of Fall River	2
Finance Commissioners, City of Boston	3
Judges of probate and insolvency	2
Special judge of probate and insolvency	1
Register of probate and insolvency	4
Deputy Pilot Commissioner	1
Associate Justices, Supreme Judicial Court	2
Associate Justice, Land Court	1
Supervisors of Election, Revere	22
Supervisors of Registration, Revere	2
Supervisors of Elections, Boston	22
Supervisors of Elections, Chelsea	14
Sheriff	1
Secretary to Governor	1
Assistant Secretary to Governor	1
	5,711

Certificates to the number of 11,035 were issued. Fees were remitted for 9,792.

Corporation Division (Rooms 335B, 337, 340A, 340B)

The total number of certificates of incorporation issued under General Laws to new corporations for the fiscal year ending November 30, 1924, was 2,646 — a decrease of 11 as compared with the fiscal year ending November 30, 1923. They were classified as follows:—

Trading corporations (under General Laws, chapter 156, section 12)	2,256
Religious, charitable, social, educational, musical, athletic, etc., corporations (under General Laws, chapter 180, section 3)	339
Fraternal beneficiary corporations (under General Laws, chapter 176, section 9)	22
Churches (under General Laws, chapter 67, section 51)	19
Credit unions (under General Laws, chapter 171, section 3)	2
Co-operative banks (under General Laws, chapter 170, section 5)	4
Insurance companies (under General Laws, chapter 175, section 49)	2

Assessment insurance company (under General Laws, chapter 177, section 4) 1
Electric company (under General Laws, chapter 164, section 5) . . . 1

The number of miscellaneous certificates filed and recorded was 18,669 — an increase of 407 as compared with the fiscal year ending November 30, 1923. Of these, 13,942 were certificates of condition of Massachusetts corporations (under General Laws, chapter 158, section 37 and chapter 156, section 47); 2,256 were articles of organization of trading corporations (under General Laws, chapter 156, section 12); 339 were certificates of religious, charitable, social and other organizations (under General Laws, chapter 180); 811 were certificates of issue of capital stock of trading corporations (under General Laws, chapter 156, sections 16 and 17), and the others were distributed among 24 different classes.

The number of miscellaneous certificates filed was 2,117, of which 1,992 were certificates of condition of foreign corporations (under General Laws, chapter 181, section 12), and the others were divided among 12 other classes.

There were issued 49 certificates of change of name of corporations (under General Laws, chapter 155, section 10, and chapter 180, section 11).

Returns were received of the dissolution of 22 corporations by the Supreme Judicial and Superior Courts.

Under the act relating to the incorporation of clubs, charters were refused in 25 cases, and 3 charters declared void.

Limited partnership certificates to the number of 23 were filed and recorded.

In the Corporation Division, 2,930 certified copies of the records and certificates were supplied — a decrease of 581 as compared with the fiscal year ending November 30, 1923.

Labels, Trade-Marks, etc. (Room 337)

By General Laws, chapter 110, section 8, which relates to the adoption and registration of labels, trade-marks, stamps and forms of advertisement, the duty is placed upon the Secretary of the Commonwealth of receiving, filing and recording such labels, etc., and of issuing and recording certificates of record. Under this law, labels, trade-marks, stamps and forms of advertisement were received, and certificates of record issued and recorded, in 156 cases.

Under General Laws, chapter 110, section 8, which provides for the assignment of labels, trade-marks, stamps and forms of advertisement, 15 assignments were received, and certificates of registration issued and recorded.

Marks and Devices on Cans, etc. (Room 337)

By General Laws, chapter 110, section 17, which provides for the protection of owners of cans, bottles, boxes, siphons and fountains used in the sale of soda water, mineral and aerated waters, ale, beer, ginger ale or similar beverages, it is made the duty of the Secretary of the Commonwealth to receive and file descriptions of marks, devices, etc., and under this law 12 such descriptions were received and filed. Under General Laws, chapter 110, section 21, as amended by chapter 37, Acts of 1924, protecting dealers and consumers against the unlawful use and destruction of milk and ice cream cans, jugs, bottles, jars, tubs or cabinets, 38 descriptions of marks, devices, etc., were received and filed.

Uniform Limited Partnership Act

Chapter 231, Acts of 1924, provides for the payment of a fee to this office for filing for record certificates and amendments under the Uniform Limited Partnership Act. By a recent opinion of the Attorney General the Act cited does not require the payment of a record fee in the case of filing a certificate or notice of dissolution of a limited partnership. I recommend that the law be amended so as to require payment of a fee for the filing of such notices of dissolution.

Recording Contracts

General Laws, chapter 159, sections 55 and 56, provide for the conditional sale of railroad and railway rolling stock and the title thereof shall not vest in the purchaser until the purchase price is fully paid, although possession thereof may be delivered immediately or at any subsequent time.

Provision is made for recording such a contract in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth and upon payment in full of the purchase money and the performance of the terms and conditions stipulated in such contract, a written declaration may be made and recorded in like manner as the contract.

The law now requires that five dollars shall be paid the state secretary for recording such contract or declaration and one dollar for noting such declaration on the margin of the record.

It has frequently happened that these contracts are very lengthy and the fee now provided for recording is not an adequate charge therefor. I therefore recommend that the fee be changed so as to provide a minimum charge with a price per page in excess of twelve pages.

Vital Statistics Division (Room 334)

Under the provisions of General Laws, chapter 46, section 17, the returns of births and marriages from 355 cities and towns, and births from the State Infirmary at Tewksbury, for the year 1923, which were received in 1924, cover 89,210 births, and 35,200 marriages, an increase, as compared with the returns of 1922, of 1,574 births and 2,517 marriages.

Under the provisions of the same law, 52,380 certified copies of records of deaths were received, covering the period from January 1, 1923, to December 31, 1923, an increase of 1,265 as compared with the returns of 1922.

The medical examiners' returns for 1923 cover 7,549 cases, an increase of 610 as compared with the returns of 1922.

The returns by the clerks of the courts and registers of probate of the decrees of divorce for 1923 number 4,116, an increase of 383 as compared with the returns of 1922.

These figures are compiled, analyzed and presented fully in the annual registration report for 1923 (Public Document No. 1), and were available August 1, 1924.

During the year 1,585 certificates of birth, 583 certificates of marriage and 465 certificates of death were issued, a total of 2,633. Fees received from these certificates amounted to $476.22.

There were 4,073 abstracts of birth records given out for school and employment purposes.

Naturalization Returns

Under the provisions of General Laws, chapter 220, section 19, returns were received of the naturalization of 1,878 persons before the superior courts of the Commonwealth during the year 1923, a decrease of 604 as compared with the returns for 1922. These returns were indexed and bound in convenient form for reference, as required by law.

Changes of Names of Persons

The returns of 1,263 names, changed in 1923 as decreed by the several probate courts, were received and filed in compliance with the requirements of General Laws, chapter 210, section 12.

Archives Division (Room 438)

The Chief of the Archives Division respectfully reports as follows:

The number of visitors during the year was 2,682; written inquiries: military service, 767; historical, legal and miscellaneous, 297; certificates of military service, 174; copies: of legislative records and manuscripts, typewritten, 106; of legislative records, manuscripts, maps, corporation records and other material, photostatic, 786; of soldiers' discharges, photostatic, 102; of world war diaries, etc., photostatic, 1,227; totalling 21,649 photostats; fees received: for military certificates, $178; typewritten copies, $111.20; photostatic copies, $4,125.86; totalling $4,415.06.

Reproduction of Archives

Proceeding as rapidly as can be expected with increasing demand for photostatic work.

Photostat

Constantly employed reproducing archives, maps, manuscripts, corporation records, etc.

World War Records

Many diaries and other papers have been photostated for the History Commission. (Chap. 510, Acts of 1924.)

Rebinding of Archives

Owing to unsettled conditions, no volumes have been bound this year.

Gifts

Mrs. Frederic Lewis Gay of Boston has presented a contemporary shorthand draft of Oliver Cromwell's instructions to Maj. Sedgwick and Capt. Leverett for an expedition against the Dutch (with a transcription by William P. Upham) and a circular letter to the colonies of Massachusetts-Bay, Plymouth, Connecticut and New Haven, as to same, dated Whitehall, February 8, 1653.

House Journals, 1715–1780

Vol. V, 1723–1724, reprinted by the Massachusetts Historical Society, has been purchased, and distributed by the Document Division. (Chaps. 413, Acts of 1920, and 164 of 1922.)

Vital Records to 1850

Gloucester (deaths), Salem (marriages), 2 vols., and Rockport, compiled by Essex Institute, have been purchased, and distributed by the Document Division. (Chaps. 562, Acts of 1920, and 199 of 1922.)

Public Document Division (Room 118)

During the year 1924 the following publications were received for distribution through the Public Document Division: 60,410 volumes of the Public Document Series, representing 80 reports of the several state departments, boards and commissions; 10,000 copies of the pamphlet edition of the session laws; 11,000 copies of the bound edition of the session laws, commonly called the Blue Book; 750 copies each of the Senate and House Journals, total, 1,500 copies; 454 copies each of the Term Reports, Nos. 243, 244, 245, 246 and 247, total, 2, 270 copies; 750 copies of the Fifty-seventh Annual Encampment, Department of Massachusetts, G. A. R.; 300 copies of the Journals of the House of Representatives, Vol. 5, 1723–24; 1,800 copies of Part 1 of the Annual Proceedings, The American Legion, Department of Massachusetts, 1923; 1,800 copies of Part 2 of the Annual Proceedings, The American Legion, Department of Massachusetts, 1923, being a Compilation of Massachusetts Laws Affecting Veterans; 350 copies each of Vols. 2 and 3 of Gloucester and Vols. 3 and 4 of Salem Vital Records, total, 1,400 copies; 5,000 copies of the Manual of Fire Department Equipment and Practice; 1,000 copies of the Proceedings of the Twenty-second Annual Encampment, Department of Massachusetts, U. S. W. V., 1922; 5,000 copies of the First Supplement to Laws Relating to Primaries, Caucuses and Elections, Part 5, containing legislation of 1922, 1923 and 1924; 750 copies of the Executive Council report on the return of votes for State Officers, 1924; 500 copies of An American Battery in France; 1,000 copies of the Abstract of the Annual Report of the Commissioner of Banks, House Document No. 1235, January, 1924; 1,500 copies of the Amendments to the Statutes relating to Banks and Banking enacted by the General Court, Session of 1924, — making a grand total of 105,980 volumes that have passed through this Division during the year.

Division of Public Records (Room 252)

Inspections

Inspections of the care, custody, condition and protection against fire of the public records of the departments and offices of the counties, cities and towns, have been made during the year 1924 in the following 156 places: Abington, Acton, Acushnet, Alford, Ashburnham, Ashby, Ashfield, Athol, Attleboro, Ayer, Barnstable, Barre, Bellingham, Berkley, Berlin, Bernardston, Blackstone, Bolton, Bourne, Braintree, Brewster, Brookfield, Buckland, Canton, Carver, Charlemont, Chatham, Chesterfield, Chicopee, Chilmark, Cohasset, Colrain, Cummington, Dalton, Dana, Dennis, Dighton, East Brookfield, Eastham, Edgartown, Egremont, Enfield, Erving, Fairhaven, Falmouth, Fitchburg, Florida, Foxborough, Franklin, Freetown, Gardner, Gay Head, Gill, Goshen, Great Barrington, Greenfield, Greenwich, Groton, Halifax, Hanson, Harwich, Hatfield, Heath, Hinsdale, Holbrook, Holden, Holyoke, Hopedale, Hubbardston, Huntington, Kingston, Lakeville, Lancaster, Lawrence, Lee, Lenox, Leominster, Leverett, Leyden, Lincoln, Lunenburg, Mashpee, Maynard, Medway, Mendon, Middleborough, Milford, Millville, Milton, Monroe, Monterey, Mount Washington, Nantucket, New Braintree, New Marlborough, New Salem, North Attleborough, North Brookfield, Northampton, Northfield, Norton, Oak Bluffs, Orleans, Pembroke, Peru, Petersham, Phillipston, Plainfield, Plainville, Plymouth, Prescott, Princeton, Provincetown, Quincy, Randolph, Raynham, Rehoboth, Rochester, Rowe, Royalston, Sandisfield, Sandwich, Savoy, Scituate, Seekonk, Sharon, Sheffield, Shelburne, Shirley, Shutesbury, Somerset, Sterling, Stoughton, Stow, Sudbury, Swansea, Templeton, Tisbury, Topsfield, Truro, Tyringham, Uxbridge, Warwick, Washington, Wayland, Wellfleet, Wendell, West Tisbury, Westminster, Weymouth, Williamsburg, Winchendon, Windsor, Worthington, Wrentham, Yarmouth.

The Supervisor of records, under the provisions of the General Laws, chapter 66, section 1, is glad to report an improvement in the care and protection of the public records in many places visited. This office has been called upon during the year to approve plans for the construction and enlargement of twenty vaults and has also approved 16 fireproof safes that have been purchased in compliance with the law.

Fires

On January 17, 1924, the printing office of the Topsfield Town Clerk was burned, one town record book, the binding of which was scorched, but the leaves were not damaged, and the book has been repaired.

On February 10, 1924, the Town Hall at Northfield was burned to the ground at a loss of about $40,000. The vault and safes in which the records of the town officials were kept, preserved their contents intact..

An early morning fire February 21, 1924, at Groveland, caused slight damage to the town offices, but no records were lost.

City Halls

The City of Gloucester is making improvements on its City Hall and reconstructing vaults. The City of Everett is constructing new vaults.

Town Halls

No new town halls have been built during the year. The Town of Chatham is erecting a new school building, and the town officials will have their offices in this building.

Repairing and Binding

Records have been repaired and rebound during the year for the Towns of Rehoboth and Barnstable, and for the Clerk of Courts for Hampshire County at Northampton, and for the registries of deeds at Greenfield, Northampton, Plymouth, and Taunton and for the Registry of Probate at Taunton.

Typewriter Ribbons and Stamping Pads

A printed list of typewriter ribbons and stamping pads will be published later for distribution.

Division of the Census (Room 256)

Section 1 of Chapter 453, Acts of 1924, provides that officials having charge of the registers of voters in each city and town shall certify under oath to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, on or before June 30th, the number of registered voters in their respective cities and towns on the preceding March 31st, specifying in the case of cities the number of registered voters in each ward, and that from the returns so made, with such amendments as the secretary finds necessary to correct any errors or omissions therein, he shall compile the special enumeration of legal voters required by Articles XXI and XXII of the Amendments to the Constitution, and submit the results thereof to the General Court; also that the Mayor of every city and the selectmen of every town shall cause a census to be made of the inhabitants of the respective cities and towns residing therein on March 31st, on forms provided by the Secretary, and shall return the same to the Secretary, on or before June 30th following, with a sworn statement of the total of such census.

Preparations for this work will be completed in due season.

Returns under the "Lobby Act"

In compliance with the provisions of sections 39 to 50 inclusive, chapter 3, General Laws, relating to legislative counsel and agents' expenses incurred or paid in connection with promoting or opposing legislation during the last session of the General Court, there were 291 entries made in the dockets, an increase of 16 as compared with 1923.

Returns covering 273 of these entries were received in this office from persons, corporations and associations. Of these returns 25 appeared to be irregular or defective, 22 were received after the expiration of the thirty-day period following the prorogation of the General Court, July 5th, one was received from an employer of legislative counsel or agents whose name had not been previously registered in the docket, and 14 failed to file returns. These were, therefore, transmitted to the Attorney-General, as required by law.

The total amount reported as paid to legislative counsel and agents was $95,771.12; in addition to this, $70,449 represented annual salaries or retainers unapportioned, and 16 persons, corporations and associations reported that they paid nothing.

Proclamations

The proclamations of His Excellency the Governor for the observance of Lincoln Day, Arbor and Bird Day, Flag Day and Thanksgiving Day were printed and distributed under the direction of this office.

Of the Lincoln Day proclamations 11,000 copies were given public distribution to the schools, institutions, patriotic societies, postmasters and city and town clerks. Of the Arbor and Bird Day and Forest Protection Week 10,300 copies were mailed to the schools, granges, agricultural societies, churches, institutions, postmasters and city and town clerks. Flag Day proclamations to the number of 11,000 were mailed to the schools, postmasters, patriotic societies, churches, institutions and city and town clerks; and 10,000 Thanksgiving proclamations were sent to the churches, schools, postmasters and city and town clerks.

In addition to the above, proclamations were printed and distributed as follows: Respecting the late Woodrow Wilson, former President of the United States, 9,500 copies were mailed to the schools, churches, postmasters and city and town clerks. For Fire Prevention Week, October 5 to 11, inclusive, 1,000 copies were distributed by the State Fire Marshal. For the observance of Armistice Day, November 11, 11,000 proclamations were given public distribution to the schools, institutions, patriotic societies, postmasters and city and town clerks. November 26, Promulgating the 68th and 69th Articles of Amendment to the Constitution, 500 copies each were distributed to the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court and to the Judges of the Superior Court, and the remainder were for public distribution. November 26, 150 copies of the proclamation concerning the election of Electors of President and Vice-President of the United States were printed and a copy published in one newspaper in each county giving names of persons who obtained at least one-fifth of the vote cast for electors.

Proclamations were also issued to the press by the Governor as follows: For "Be Kind to Animals Week," April 7 to 12, inclusive, and Humane Sunday, April 6; For suspending the open season on hunting any kind of game from sunset, Tuesday, October 28, until further notice; November 10, respecting the late Henry Cabot Lodge, former Senator for Massachusetts in the Congress of the United States; November 12 designating "American Education Week," from November 17 to 23, inclusive.

A proclamation was also issued November 26 concerning persons chosen as Electors of President and Vice-President of the United States, submitted to the Electoral College for transmission with its certificates to the seat of government at Washington, D. C., by mail and by special messenger appointed for the purpose, and deposited with the Judge of the United States District Court for Massachusetts.

A proclamation was also issued to the press November 24 by the Secretary of the Commonwealth, Frederic W. Cook, Acting Governor, under Article LV of the Amendments to the Constitution, for the Revival of the Open Season on Hunting as of November 24, said season to close as of sunset November 29, on all birds and game affected by the present statutory season opening on October 20 and closing on November 20 in each year.

Pardons, Requisitions, Etc.

The number of pardons made out and issued during the year was 2, both of which were under parole conditions; commutations of sentence, 9; requisitions upon other States, 300; upon Secretary of the Navy of the United States, 5; upon Chief Justice of the Supreme Court at Washington, D. C., 3; extradition requests upon foreign countries, 4; and warrants issued upon requisitions from other States, 34.

Rules and Regulations of State Departments

By chapter 30, section 37, General Laws, certain rules and regulations of departments, commissions, boards or officials vested by law with the power to make and issue rules and regulations general in scope, and to be observed or performed under penalty for the violation thereof, shall not take effect until attested copies thereof have been filed with the Secretary of the Commonwealth. Under this law rules and regulations were filed by the following departments and commission during the year 1924: Department of Agriculture; Department of Banking and Insurance; Department of Civil Service and Registration; Department of Conservation; Department of Labor and Industries; Department of Public Health; Department of Public Safety; Department of Public Works; Commission on Administration and Finance.

Miscellaneous

The two reports from this office which form a part of the Public Document series, namely, Returns of Births, Marriages, Divorces, and Deaths (Public Document No. 1) and Returns of Assessed Polls, Registered Voters and Persons who voted, etc. (Public Document No. 43) have been made, as required by law.

The publication of Public Document No. 101, Information relative to Voluntary Associations owning or controlling Public Service Corporations, was discontinued under authority of chapter 190 of the Acts of 1924.

FREDERIC W. COOK,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Returns from Cities and Towns relative to Action taken under Certain Provisions of the General Laws

When Received	City or Town	Subject and Reference	Action	Date of Action
1924				
Jan. 17	Holyoke	Board of survey, G. L. 41, § 73	Accepted	Jan. 15, 1924
Jan. 21	Weymouth	Tenement houses in towns, G. L. 145 (1912, 635)	Accepted	Mch 12, 1923
Feb. 7	Springfield	Pensions to foremen, inspectors etc., 1923, 458	Accepted	Jan. 28, 1924
Feb. 12	Holyoke	Municipal pensions for school janitors, G. L. 32, §§ 44 & 45	Accepted	Feb. 5, 1924
Feb. 15	Mansfield	Public parks, G. L. 45, §§ 1–9	Accepted	Jan. 21, 1924
Feb. 19	Watertown	Name of Overseers of the Poor changed to Board of Public Welfare, 1923, 26	Accepted	Feb. 11, 1924
Mch. 6	Chelmsford	Voting precincts in towns, G. L. 54 § 6	Accepted	Feb. 11, 1924
Mch. 12	Sharon	Collection of water rates, 1923, 391	Accepted	Mch. 10, 1924
Mch. 18	Winchester	Name of Overseers of the Poor changed to Board of Public Welfare, 1923, 26	Accepted	Mch. 3, 1924
Mch. 20	West Bridgewater	Collection of water rates, 1923, 391	Accepted	Mch. 10, 1924
Mch. 20	West Bridgewater	Hawkers' and peddlers' licenses, G. L. 101, § 17	Accepted	Mch. 10, 1924
Mch. 22	Dartmouth	Precinct voting, G. L. 39, § 20	Accepted	Apr. 2, 1921
Mch. 25	Ipswich	Board of survey, G. L 41, § 73	Accepted	Mch. 3, 1924
Mch. 26	Marblehead	Collection of water rates, 1923, 391	Accepted	Mch. 12, 1924
April 1	Ashburnham	Precinct voting, G. L. 39, § 20	Accepted	Mch. 3, 1924
April 4	Wakefield	Sunday sales, G. L. 136, § 6	Accepted	Mch. 31, 1924
April 5	Springfield	Prevention of fires, G. L. 148, § 6	Accepted	Mch. 10, 1924
April 11	Lexington	Precinct voting, G. L. 39, § 20	Accepted	Sept. 19, 1922
April 14	Braintree	Collection of water rates, 1923, 391	Accepted	Mch. 24, 1924
April 14	Braintree	Board of survey, G. L. 41, § 73	Accepted	Apr. 7, 1924
April 14	Braintree	Inspection of buildings, G. L. 143, § 3	Accepted	Mch. 10, 1924
April 14	Braintree	Civil service for police and chief of police, G. L. 31, §§ 48, 49	Accepted	Mch. 17, 1924
April 14	Braintree	Pensions for policemen and firemen, G. L. 32, § 85	Accepted	Mch 17, 1924
April 14	Braintree	Disposition of burnt or dangerous buildings, G. L. 139, §§ 1–3	Accepted	Apr. 7, 1924
April 18	Milton	Name of Overseers of the Poor changed to Board of Public Welfare, 1923, 26	Accepted	Mch. 8, 1924
April 18	Milton	Collection of water rates, 1923, 391	Accepted	Mch. 8, 1924
April 18	Milton	Retirement and pensioning of firemen, 1921, 337	Accepted	Mch. 8, 1924
April 26	Westport	Eight-hour day for certain public employees, G. L. 149, § 30	Accepted	Mch. 10, 1924
April 28	East Bridgewater	Collection of water rates, 1923, 391	Accepted	Mch. 3, 1924
May 6	Worcester	Building lines, G. L. 82, § 37	Accepted	Apr. 20, 1924
May 15	Rockport	Polling place, 1898, 548, § 349	Accepted	Oct. 20, 1900
May 27	Belchertown	Voting precincts, G. L. 54, § 6	Accepted	Mch. 11, 1924
May 31	Springfield	Collection of water rates, 1923, 391	Accepted	May 26, 1924
June 9	Fitchburg	Voting precincts, G. L. 54, §§ 2 & 10	Accepted	Mch. 18, 1924
June 11	Walpole	Precinct voting, G. L. 39, § 20	Accepted	June 6, 1924
June 13	Wakefield	Building lines, G. L. 82, § 37	Accepted	June 2, 1924
June 13	Wakefield	Sunday sales, G. L. 136, §§ 7 & 8	Accepted	June 2, 1924
June 28	Nahant	Collection of water rates, 1923, 391	Accepted	June 7, 1924

RETURNS FROM CITIES AND TOWNS RELATIVE TO ACTION TAKEN UNDER CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE GENERAL LAWS—*Concluded.*

When received	City or Town	Subject and Reference	Action	Date of Action
1924				
June 30	Marblehead	Voting precincts, G. L. 39, § 20	Accepted	June 28, 1924
July 7	Somerset	Voting precincts, G. L. 39, § 20	Accepted	June 30, 1924
July 9	Brockton	Appointment of election officers, G. L. 54, § 11	Accepted	June 30, 1924
July 15	Peabody	Pensions to foremen, inspectors, etc., 1923, 458	Accepted	July 10, 1924
July 24	Melrose	Name of Overseers of the Poor changed to Board of Public Welfare, 1923, 26	Accepted	July 23, 1924
July 29	Lanesboro	Voting precincts, G. L. 39, § 20	Accepted	Feb. 5, 1923
Aug. 11	Attleboro	Jitney Act, G. L. 159, § 45	Accepted	Aug. 9, 1924
Nov. 17	Attleboro	Two-platoon system in fire department, G. L. 48, § 59	Accepted	Nov. 4, 1924
Nov. 17	Brockton	Question on adoption of Plan B under G. L. 43 (City Charters)	Rejected	Nov. 4, 1924
Nov. 17	Melrose	Two-platoon system in fire department, G. L. 48, § 59	Accepted	Nov. 4, 1924
Nov. 17	Reading	Two-platoon system in fire department, G. L. 48, § 59	Accepted	Nov. 4, 1924
Nov. 17	Saugus	Two-platoon system in fire department, G. L. 48, § 59	Accepted	Nov. 4, 1924
Nov. 17	Woburn	Two-platoon system in fire department, G. L. 48, § 59	Accepted	Nov. 4, 1924
Dec. 8	Shrewsbury	Collection of water rates, 1923, 391	Accepted	Nov. 18, 1924
Dec. 12	Gardner	Two-platoon system in fire department, G. L. 48, § 59	Accepted	Nov. 4, 1924
Dec. 13	Clinton	Licensed boxing matches, G. L. 147, § 32	Accepted	Oct. 17, 1924
Dec. 19	North Adams	Pensions for firemen, 1921, 337	Accepted	Dec. 12, 1924
Dec. 19	Uxbridge	Appointment of assistant assessors, 1921, 14	Accepted	Mch. 13, 1921
Dec. 31	Norwood	Licensed boxing matches, G. L. 147, § 32	Accepted	Dec. 29, 1924

Returns relative to the Acceptance or Rejection of Certain Special Acts passed by the General Court and referred to the Voters, to the City Council of a City, to the Selectmen of a Town, or the County Commissioners of a County

When received	From whom received	Title of Act	Date of Action	Vote	
				Yes	No
1924					
Jan. 3	Clerk, Boston Elevated Railway Company.	An Act providing for the extension of rapid transit facilities in the Dorchester district of the city of Boston [1923, 480]	Dec. 31, 1923	–[1]	–
Jan. 21	Town Clerk, Saugus	An Act placing under the civil service laws the office of chief engineer of the fire department of the town of Saugus [1923, 22]	Mch. 5, 1923	549	354
Jan. 21	Town Clerk, Needham	An Act providing for the submission of certain votes and motions for referendum in the town of Needham [1923, 73]	Mch. 12, 1923	739	350
Jan. 21	Town Clerk, Belmont	An Act authorizing the town of Belmont to pay a certain sum of money to the mother of Charles Irving Lohr [1923, 355]	Dec. 4, 1923	86	14
Jan. 23	Chairman, Plymouth County Commissioners.	An Act providing for the construction of a breakwater at Pemberton Point in the town of Hull [1923, 440]	Aug. 21, 1923	–[2]	–
Jan. 24	Town Clerk, Hull	An Act providing for the construction of a breakwater at Pemberton Point in the town of Hull [1923, 440]	June 25, 1923	–[3]	–
Feb. 11	Town Clerk, Oak Bluffs	An Act increasing the amount of money that may be expended by the town of Oak Bluffs for advertising the town and for public amusements [1922, 145]	Feb. 5, 1924	–[4]	–
Feb. 15	Town Clerk, Plymouth	An Act authorizing the town of Plymouth to erect a wharf and public landing [1921, 162]	Mch. 24, 1923	–[4]	–
Feb. 21	City Clerk, New Bedford	An Act relative to the pensioning of laborers in the employ of the city of New Bedford [1923, 161]		–[5]	–
Feb. 27	Clerk, Dracut Water Supply District	An Act relative to the raising of money by taxation by the Dracut Water Supply District [1923, 148]	Feb. 19, 1924	–[3]	–
Feb. 28	Deputy Assistant Clerk, Essex County Commissioners.	An Act providing for an investigation relative to traffic congestion at or near Richard Blynman bridge in the city of Gloucester [1924, 35]	Feb. 26, 1924	–[6]	–
Mch. 3	City Clerk, Brockton	An Act relative to the assessment of poll taxes and the making of certain lists in the city of Brockton [1923, 255]	Mch. 1, 1924	–[7]	–
Mch. 8	Clerk, Middlesex County Commissioners.	An Act further increasing the amount the county of Middlesex may borrow to make improvements at the county buildings in the city of Cambridge [1924, 21]	Feb. 12, 1924	–[8]	–
Mch. 8	Clerk, Middlesex County Commissioners.	An Act authorizing the county of Middlesex to borrow money for the purpose of providing suitable accommodations for the district court of Somerville [1924, 69]	Mch. 7, 1924	–[8]	–

[1] Accepted by the board of directors.
[2] Accepted by the county commissioners of Plymouth County
[3] Adopted by unanimous vote.
[4] Accepted, affirmative and negative votes not taken.
[5] Rejected by the city council.
[6] Accepted by the county commissioners of Essex County.
[7] Accepted by the city council.
[8] Accepted by the county commissioners of Middlesex County.

RETURNS RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF CERTAIN SPECIAL ACTS PASSED BY THE GENERAL COURT AND REFERRED TO THE VOTERS, TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF A CITY, TO THE SELECTMEN OF A TOWN, OR THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF A COUNTY — *Continued*

When received	From whom received	TITLE OF ACT	Date of Action	VOTE	
				Yes	No
1924					
Mch. 15	Town Clerk, Natick	An Act to extend the provisions of the civil service law to the regular police force of the town of Natick [1916, 25(s)]	Mch. 5, 1923	1982	1581
Mch. 17	City Clerk, New Bedford	An Act authorizing the city of New Bedford to sell a part of Brooklawn Park [1924, 55]	Mch. 14, 1924	–[7]	–
Mch. 25	Mayor, Boston	An Act providing for the extension of rapid transit facilities in the Dorchester district of the city of Boston [1923, 480]	Mch. 15, 1924	–[9]	–
Mch. 27	City Clerk, Springfield	An Act authorizing the city of Springfield to pay an annuity to Thomas B. Drinan [1924, 100]	Mch. 24, 1924	–[7]	–
Mch. 28	City Clerk, Revere	An Act relative to the assessment of poll taxes and the making of certain lists in the city of Revere [1924, 117]	Mch. 26, 1924	–[7]	–
April 14	City Clerk, Beverly	An Act authorizing the city of Beverly to pension Nathaniel W. Corliss [1924, 125]	April 7, 1924	–[10]	–
April 18	City Clerk, Taunton	An Act relative to pensioning members of the fire department of the city of Taunton [1924, 241]	April 17, 1924	–[11]	–
May 1	City Clerk, Lowell	An Act authorizing the city of Lowell to retire and pension scrub women in its employ [1924, 124]	April 15, 1924	–[7]	–
May 3	City Clerk, Springfield	An Act relative to the laying out and construction of alleys and passageways in the city of Springfield [1924, 43]	Mch. 24, 1924	–[7]	–
May 7	Assistant City Clerk, Boston	An Act providing retirement allowances for employees of the Boston and Cambridge Bridges Commission, so-called [1924, 89]	May 5, 1924	–[7]	–
May 7	Assistant City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the city of Boston to pension Michael J. Curran [1924, 195]	May 2, 1924	–[12]	–
May 9	Assistant City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the city of Boston to pay a sum of money to the parents of Peter P. Oginskis [1924, 283]	May 7, 1924	–[7]	–
May 9	Assistant City Clerk, Boston	An Act amending the act providing for annuities and pensions for employees of the city of Boston and county of Suffolk [1924, 251]	April 22, 1924	–[7]	–
May 9	City Clerk, Holyoke	An Act authorizing the city of Holyoke to use certain park lands for the purpose of laying out a public street and extending High Street [1924, 226]	May 6, 1924	–[7]	–
May 10	City Clerk, Cambridge	An Act providing retirement allowances for employees of the Boston and Cambridge Bridges Commission, so-called [1924, 89]	May 9, 1924	–[7]	–
May 13	Clerk, Middlesex County Commissioners.	An Act to provide accommodations for the district court of Lowell [1924, 342]	May 10, 1924	–[8]	–
May 17	City Clerk, Cambridge	An Act authorizing the city of Cambridge to pay a sum of money to the widow of Walter H. Harding [1924, 305]	May 13, 1924	–[7]	–
May 17	City Clerk, Lowell	An Act authorizing the city of Lowell to pay an annuity to the widow of Romuald C. Bisaillon [1924, 306]	May 6, 1924	–[7]	–
May 26	City Clerk, Worcester	An Act authorizing the city of Worcester to pay a sum of money to Anna B. and to David O. Stonequist [1924, 312]	May 13, 1924	–[7]	–

May 28	City Clerk, Beverly	An Act authorizing the city of Beverly to pay a sum of money to the widow of James J. Fagan [1924, 333]	May 19, 1924	–[10]	–
June 5	City Clerk, Chicopee	An Act relative to the tenure of office of the city messenger and assistant city messenger of the city of Chicopee [1924, 355]	June 4, 1924	–[7]	–
June 11	Assistant City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the city of Boston to pay a sum of money to the parents of James O'Malley	May 13, 1924	–[7]	–
June 13	Town Clerk, Wakefield	An Act relative to sewer assessments in the town of Wakefield [1924, 79]	June 2, 1924	–[4]	–
June 18	City Clerk, Lowell	An Act authorizing the city of Lowell to pay an annuity to the widow of William T. Foss	June 4, 1924	–[7]	–
June 24	Assistant City Clerk, Boston	An Act establishing the salaries of the clerk and assistant clerks of the municipal court of the city of Boston for civil business [1924, 506]	June 24, 1924	–[7]	–
June 24	Assistant City Clerk, Boston	An Act establishing the salary of the deputy sheriff in charge of the session of the superior court for criminal business in Suffolk county [1924, 417]	June 23, 1924	–[7]	–
June 24	Assistant City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the city of Boston to pay a sum of money to the brothers of Frank H. Milliken [1924, 438]	June 23, 1924	–[7]	–
June 24	Assistant City Clerk, Boston	An Act establishing the salary of the second assistant clerk of the municipal court of the Charlestown district in the city of Boston [1924, 503]	June 23, 1924	–[7]	–
June 27	Assistant Clerk, Essex County Commissioners.	An Act authorizing the county of Essex to borrow money for certain improvements at the Essex County Training School [1924, 463]	June 24, 1924	–[6]	–
July 7	City Clerk, Lowell	An Act authorizing the city of Lowell to pay an annuity to the widow of Edward J. P. Cunningham [1924, 366]	July 7, 1924	–[7]	–
July 9	Assistant City Clerk, Boston	An Act relative to the pension paid to Charles P. Lebon by the city of Boston [1924, 378]	July 3, 1924	–[7]	–
July 9	Assistant City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the city of Boston to pay a sum of money to the father of Irene W. Fall [1924, 387]	July 3, 1924	–[7]	–
July 10	Assistant City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the city of Boston to borrow and to raise by taxation money for hospital purposes [1924, 352]	July 8, 1924	–[7]	–
July 30	City Clerk, Lowell	An Act providing for an investigation by the department of public health of the matter of sewerage and sewage disposal in the valley of the Concord River [1924, 269]	July 28, 1924	–[7]	–
Aug. 8	Assistant City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the city of Boston to pay a sum of money to the widow of Charles V. Carey [1924, 486]	July 30, 1924	–[7]	–
Aug. 8	Assistant City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the city of Boston to pay a sum of money to the widow of Philip J. McGonagle [1924, 363]	Aug. 5, 1924	–[7]	–
Aug. 11	City Clerk, Attleboro	An Act making the present employees of the electrical branch of the fire department of the city of Attleboro eligible for pensions under the provisions of law relative to firemen in cities [1924, 286]	Aug. 9, 1924	–[7]	–
Aug. 12	Assistant City Clerk, Boston	An Act to establish the salary of the messenger of the probate court for the county of Suffolk [1924, 415]	Aug. 8, 1924	–[7]	–
Aug. 19	Assistant City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the city of Boston to pay a sum of money to the legal guardian and for the benefit of Agnes Flaherty [1924, 474]	Aug. 12, 1924	–[7]	–
Sept. 24	Clerk, Middlesex County Commissioners.	An Act providing for additional court officers in the third district court of Eastern Middlesex [1924, 86]	Sept. 23, 1924	–[8]	–
Oct. 9	Assistant City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the city of Boston to pay an annuity to the widow of Christopher Melia [1924, 405]	Oct. 7, 1924	–[7]	–
Oct. 22	Assistant City Clerk, Boston	An Act to establish the salary of the messenger in the office of the district attorney for the Suffolk district [1924, 346]	Oct. 21, 1924	–[7]	–

[4] Accepted, affirmative and negative votes not taken.
[6] Accepted by the county commissioners of Essex County.
[7] Accepted by the city council.
[8] Accepted by the county commissioners of Middlesex County.
[9] Agreement by the Old Colony Railroad Company as owner and the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company as lessee to accept certain payment for the Shawmut branch filed with the Mayor of Boston.
[10] Accepted by the board of aldermen.
[11] By more than a two thirds vote of the municipal council.
[12] Accepted by the mayor and city council.

RETURNS RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF CERTAIN SPECIAL ACTS PASSED BY THE GENERAL COURT AND REFERRED TO THE VOTERS, TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF A CITY, TO THE SELECTMEN OF A TOWN, OR THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF A COUNTY — *Concluded*

When received	From whom received	Title of Act	Date of Action	Vote	
				Yes	No
1924					
Nov. 7	City Clerk, Somerville	An Act to establish the salary of members of the board of aldermen of the city of Somerville [1924, 160]	Nov. 4, 1924	9,365	12,515
Nov. 17	City Clerk, Brockton	An Act relative to the holding of city primaries in the city of Brockton [1924, 273]	Nov. 4, 1924	10,920	3,046
Nov. 17	Election Commissioners, Cambridge	An Act relative to preliminary elections for the nomination of candidates for elective municipal office in the city of Cambridge [1924, 135]	Nov. 4, 1924	9,966	7,450
Nov. 17	Election Commissioners, Lowell	An Act relative to the pensioning of laborers in the employ of the city of Lowell [1924, 279]	Nov. 4, 1924	10,286	11,616
Nov. 17	City Clerk, Lynn	An Act providing for biennial elections in the city of Lynn [1924, 198]	Nov. 4, 1924	10,120	8,383
Nov. 17	City Clerk, Melrose	An Act reducing the membership of the board of aldermen of the city of Melrose [1924, 407]	Nov. 4, 1924	4,405	2,101
Nov. 17	City Clerk, Revere	An Act relative to the tenure of office of the city clerk of the city of Revere and to the manner of his election and removal [1923, 199]	Nov. 4, 1924	3,067	2,117
Nov. 17	City Clerk, Westfield	An Act relative to biennial municipal elections in the city of Westfield [1924, 74]	Nov. 4, 1924	2,170	734
Nov. 18	Election Commissioners, Boston	An Act providing for biennial elections in the city of Boston and for borough or ward representation in the city council thereof, and making certain other changes in and additions to the charter of said city [1924, 479]. (Plan No. 2, accepted, see note)	Nov. 4, 1924	–[13]	–[13]
Nov. 25	Assistant Town Clerk, Walpole	An Act to change the time of holding the annual meeting of the town of Walpole, to enlarge the powers and duties of the selectmen, to abolish certain offices and to provide for the administration of town affairs [1924, 377]	Nov. 24, 1924	334	273
Dec. 4	City Clerk, Revere	An act to provide for surface and ground water drainage in the northeasterly part of Everett and the adjacent portions of Malden and Revere [1924, 456]	Nov. 24, 1924	–[7]	–
Dec. 5	City Clerk, Gloucester	An Act subjecting the office of chief of the fire department of the city of Gloucester to the civil service laws [1924, 161]	Dec. 2, 1924	3,168	2,509
Dec. 5	Assistant City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the city of Boston to pay a sum of money to the mother of Beatrice Rosenblatt [1924, 389]	Nov. 26, 1924	–[7]	–
Dec. 11	City Clerk, Peabody	An Act subjecting the office of chief of the fire department of the city of Peabody to the civil service laws [1924, 153]	Dec. 2, 1924	2,826	1,703
Dec. 13	Town Clerk, Needham	An Act providing for the admission of the town of Needham to the south metropolitan sewerage system and authorizing said town to construct and operate a system of sewers and to borrow outside the statutory limit of indebtedness therefor [1924, 59]	Mch. 17, 1924	–[3]	–
Dec. 19	City Clerk, Newton	An Act repealing the provisions of law providing for preferential voting at municipal elections in the city of Newton and making the general municipal primary laws applicable therein [1924, 225]	Nov. 9, 1924	2,035	2,416
Dec. 27	Town Clerk, Stoughton	An Act establishing a town manager form of government for the town of Stoughton [1921, 400]	June 11, 1921	846	311
Dec. 31	City Clerk, Fall River	An Act relative to the pensioning of laborers in the employ of the city of Fall River [1924, 278]	Dec. 2, 1924	14,819	12,521

[3] Adopted by unanimous vote. [7] Accepted by the city council. [13] Vote was as follows: — Plan No. One, 51,602; Plan No. Two, 56,262.

Returns of Votes on the Question of Granting Licenses for the Sale of Certain Non-Intoxicating Beverages, Etc., 1924

Returns made by the Several City and Town Clerks to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, in the Year 1924, under the Requirements of Section 11, Chapter 138, General Laws, showing the Vote given at their Last Annual Meeting on the Question, "Shall Licenses be granted for the Sale of Certain Non-Intoxicating Beverages in this City or Town?" etc.

Counties, Cities and Towns	Third Class			Fourth Class			Fifth Class			Amounts Received for Licenses	Vote at Last Annual Meeting. Shall Licenses be Granted?	
	No. Issued	Amounts Received for Same	No. Revoked	No. Issued	Amounts Received for Same	No. Revoked	No. Issued	Amounts Received for Same	No. Revoked		Yes	No
Barnstable Co.												
Barnstable	–	–		–	–	–	–	–	–	–	366	406
Bourne	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	266	385
Brewster	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	14	13
Chatham	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	86	126
Dennis	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	70	115
Eastham	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	29	24
Falmouth	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	392	449
Harwich	1	$1 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	$1 00	186	305
Mashpee	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	26	48
Orleans	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	124	195
Provincetown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	222	286
Sandwich	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	142	165
Truro	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	24	54
Wellfleet	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–[1]	–
Yarmouth	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	52	54
Totals	1	$1 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	$1 00	1,999	2,625
Berkshire Co.												
Adams	2	$2 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	$2 00	1,449	930
Alford	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	15	44
Becket	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	95	98
Cheshire	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	51	37
Clarksburg	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	84	175
Dalton	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	263	437
Egremont	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	47	49
Florida	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	20	23
Great Barrington	2	2 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2 00	618	513
Hancock	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	30	27
Hinsdale	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	91	125
Lanesborough	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	69	78
Lee	3	3 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	3 00	293	213
Lenox	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	322	255
Monterey	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	14	40
Mt. Washington	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	5	1
New Ashford	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	8
New Marlborough	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	82	96
North Adams	6	6 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	6 00	2,866	2,167
Otis	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	30	49
Peru	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	6	7
Pittsfield	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	4,491	4,382
Richmond	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	52	72
Sandisfield	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	26	15
Savoy	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	21	7
Sheffield	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	61	102
Stockbridge	1	1 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1 00	147	189
Tyringham	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	13	9
Washington	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	36	15
West Stockbridge	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	97	100
Williamstown	2	2 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2 00	357	561
Windsor	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–		10	23
Totals	16	$16 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	$16 00	11,761	10,847
Bristol Co.												
Acushnet	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	289	176
Attleboro	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2,114	2,274
Berkley	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	54	108
Dartmouth	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	398	482
Dighton	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	20	30
Easton	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	562	572
Fairhaven	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	135	269
Fall River	32[2]	$31 00	–	–	–	–	1	$1 00	–	$32 00	18,164	11,253
Freetown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	26	53
Mansfield	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	556	733

[1] Not submitted to voters. [2] One Cancelled.

Sale of Certain Non-Intoxicating Beverages, etc., 1924 — Continued

COUNTIES, CITIES AND TOWNS	Third Class			Fourth Class			Fifth Class			Amounts Received for Licenses	Vote at Last Annual Meeting. Shall Licenses be Granted?	
	No. Issued	Amounts Received for Same	No. Revoked	No. Issued	Amounts Received for Same	No. Revoked	No. Issued	Amounts Received for Same	No. Revoked		Yes	No
Bristol Co.—Con.												
New Bedford	40	$40 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	$40 00	14,803	7,871
No. Attleborough	3	3 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	3 00	441	386
Norton	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	81	74
Raynham	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	106	110
Rehoboth	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	58	122
Seekonk	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	155
Somerset	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	30	92
Swansea	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	120	216
Taunton	13	13 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	13 00	4,158	2,751
Westport	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	312	357
Totals	88	$87 00	–	–	–	–	1	$1 00	–	$88 00	42,428	28,084
Dukes Co.												
Chilmark	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	8	20
Edgartown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	102	77
Gay Head	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–[1]	–
Gosnold	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	37	–
Oak Bluffs	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	156	99
Tisbury	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	89	142
West Tisbury	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–[1]	–
Totals	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	392	338
Essex Co												
Amesbury	2	$2 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	$2 00	838	1,159
Andover	1	1 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1 00	605	880
Beverly	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2,639	2,988
Boxford	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	48	73
Danvers	3	3 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	3 00	493	871
Essex	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	110	212
Georgetown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	142	215
Gloucester	4	4 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	4 00	2,644	3,118
Groveland	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	36	63
Hamilton	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	250	277
Haverhill	10	10 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	10 00	6,063	4,555
Ipswich	1	1 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1 00	403	528
Lawrence	27	27 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	27 00	11,982	5,313
Lynn	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–[3]	–
Lynnfield	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	109	140
Manchester	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	202	294
Marblehead	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	491	741
Merrimac	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	157	246
Methuen	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1,435	1,592
Middleton	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	112	121
Nahant	1	1 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1 00	344	253
Newbury	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	64	138
Newburyport	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	682	818
North Andover	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	851	956
Peabody	7	7 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	7 00	2,530	2,268
Rockport	1	1 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1 00	285	519
Rowley	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	91	223
Salem	10	10 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	10 00	4,416	3,700
Salisbury	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	219	291
Saugus	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	690	1,099
Swampscott	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	460	1,226
Topsfield	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	54	97
Wenham	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	70	165
West Newbury	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	137	295
Totals	67	$67 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	$67 00	39,652	35,434
Franklin Co.												
Ashfield	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–[1]	–
Bernardston	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	23	30
Buckland	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	91	118
Charlemont	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–[1]	–
Colrain	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	16	40
Conway	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	47	42
Deerfield	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	159	92
Erving	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	75	27
Gill	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–[1]	–
Greenfield	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1,153	941

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[3] Biennial Elections, Chap. 198, Acts 1924.

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	No. Issued	Amounts Received for Same	No. Revoked	No. Issued	Amounts Received for Same	No. Revoked	No. Issued	Amounts Received for Same	No. Revoked		Yes	No
Franklin Co. —Con.												
Hawley	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–[1]	–
Heath	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–[1]	–
Leverett	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	34
Leyden	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	16	15
Monroe	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–[1]	–
Montague	2	$2 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	$2 00	670	343
New Salem	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–[1]	–
Northfield	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	57	147
Orange	2	2 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2 00	499	538
Rowe	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–[1]	–
Shelburne	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	107	268
Shutesbury	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–[1]	–
Sunderland	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–[1]	–
Warwick	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	6	10
Wendell	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	35	27
Whately	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	51	73
Totals	4	$4 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	$4 00	3,005	2,745
Hampden Co.												
Agawam	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	255	213
Blandford	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	21	57
Brimfield	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	51	60
Chester	1	$1 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	$1 00	154	98
Chicopee	4	4 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	4 00	3,401	1,607
East Longmeadow	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	106	156
Granville	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	39	44
Hampden	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	53	41
Holland	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	9	13
Holyoke	16	16 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	16 00	8,521	5,078
Longmeadow	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	117	229
Ludlow	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	535	351
Monson	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	346	336
Montgomery	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	14	17
Palmer	3	3 00	–	–	–	–	18	$18 00	–	21 00	721	458
Russell	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	121	123
Southwick	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	77	94
Springfield	37	37 00	–	1	$250 00	–	–	–	–	287 00	13,767	7,059
Tolland	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	8	14
Wales	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	34	30
West Springfield	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1,377	969
Westfield	6	6 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	6 00	1,955	1,255
Wilbraham	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	66	37
Totals	67	$67 00	–	1	$250 00	–	18	$18 00	–	$335 00	31,748	18,339
Hampshire Co.												
Amherst	3	$3 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	$3 00	325	442
Belchertown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	191	162
Chesterfield	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	11	45
Cummington	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	16	50
Easthampton	3	3 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	3 00	1,280	708
Enfield	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	22	18
Goshen	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–[1]	–
Granby	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	11	93
Greenwich	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	15	31
Hadley	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	83	92
Hatfield	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	101	125
Huntington	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	169	111
Middlefield	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	15	14
Northampton	3	3 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	3 00	2,829	2,010
Pelham	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	9	17
Plainfield	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	12
Prescott	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	4	13
South Hadley	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	399	436
Southampton	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–[1]	–
Ware	1	1 00		–	–	–	–	–	–	1 00	787	489
Westhampton	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	4	38
Williamsburg	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	188	173
Worthington	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	25	34
Totals	10	$10 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	$10 00	6,486	5,113

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	No. Issued	Amounts Received for Same	No. Revoked	No. Issued	Amounts Received for Same	No. Revoked	No. Issued	Amounts Received for Same	No. Revoked		Yes	No
Middlesex Co.												
Acton	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	67	145
Arlington	6	$6 00	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	$6 00	975	1.668
Ashby	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	3	41
Ashland	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	207	325
Ayer	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	276	311
Bedford	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	127	246
Belmont	5	5 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	5 00	704	1.090
Billerica	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	383	598
Boxborough	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	29	52
Burlington	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	144	87
Cambridge	21	21 00	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	21 00	–[4]	–
Carlisle	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	24	36
Chelmsford	1	1 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1 00	331	637
Concord	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	54	118
Dracut	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	414	393
Dunstable	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	33	47
Everett	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	3,343	3,865
Framingham	7	7 00	2	–	–	–	–	–	–	7 00	1,208	1,138
Groton	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	208	267
Holliston	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	249	353
Hopkinton	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	226	220
Hudson	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	765	918
Lexington	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	894	1,008
Lincoln	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	27	64
Littleton	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	37	113
Lowell	26	26 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	26 00	14,662	9,068
Malden	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	5,075	6,261
Marlborough	4	4 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	4 00	–[5]	–
Maynard	2	2 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2 00	512	545
Medford	7	7 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	7 00	3,937	4,233
Melrose	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1,790	4,327
Natick	5	5 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	5 00	1,483	1,762
Newton	11	11 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	11 00	1,758	2,560
North Reading	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	133	185
Pepperell	1	1 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1 00	117	119
Reading	1	1 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1 00	407	919
Sherborn	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	157	188
Shirley	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	136	133
Somerville	23	23 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	23 00	–[6]	–
Stoneham	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	566	922
Stow	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	38	64
Sudbury	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	47	89
Tewksbury	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	95	204
Townsend	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	57	87
Tyngsborough	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	78	121
Wakefield	3	3 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	3 00	893	1,353
Waltham	4	4 00	–	–	–	–	39	$39 00	–	43 00	2,773	3,418
Watertown	1	1 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1 00	1,842	2,721
Wayland	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	196	275
Westford	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	205	270
Weston	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	45	52
Wilmington	1	1 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1 00	208	301
Winchester	2	2 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2 00	646	1,341
Woburn	5	5 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	5 00	2,120	3,271
Totals	136	$136 00	4	–	–	–	39	$39 00	–	$175 00	50,704	58,529
Nantucket Co.												
Nantucket	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	181	175
Norfolk Co.												
Avon	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	175	210
Bellingham	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	176	161
Braintree	1	$1 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	$1 00	483	647
Brookline	12	12 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	12 00	1,826	2,332
Canton	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	690	772
Cohasset	1	1 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1 00	368	471
Dedham	3	3 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	3 00	1,192	702
Dover	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	95	99
Foxborough	1	1 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1 00	265	423
Franklin	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	555	534
Holbrook	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	81	101
Medfield	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	190	157

[4] Biennial Elections, Chap. 199, Acts 1921. [5] Biennial Elections, Chap. 275, Acts 1922
[6] Biennial Elections, Chap. 98, Special Acts, 1919

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Norfolk Co.—Con.												
Medway	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	240	245
Millis	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	163	154
Milton	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	992	1,567
Needham	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	594	1,228
Norfolk	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	97	143
Norwood	1	$1 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	$1 00	482	634
Plainville	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	59	76
Quincy	8	8 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	8 00	5,993	7,894
Randolph	2	2 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2 00	587	534
Sharon	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	209	447
Stoughton	1	1 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1 00	304	278
Walpole	–	–	–	–	–	–	10	$10 00	–	10 00	512	491
Wellesley	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	422	472
Westwood	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	58	69
Weymouth	1	1 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1 00	896	1,096
Wrentham	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	113	134
Totals	31	$31 00	–	–	–	–	10	$10 00	–	$41 00	17,817	22,071
Plymouth Co.												
Abington	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	526	497
Bridgewater	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	332	429
Brockton	12	$12 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	$12 00	–[6]	–
Carver	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	39	109
Duxbury	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	175	125
East Bridgewater	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	372	373
Halifax	.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	31	93
Hanover	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	165	308
Hanson	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	97	133
Hingham	1	1 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1 00	114	131
Hull	1	1 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1 00	388	95
Kingston	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	115	134
Lakeville	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	43	83
Marion	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	79	120
Marshfield	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	123	141
Mattapoisett	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	111	194
Middleborough	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	272	565
Norwell	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	30	34
Pembroke	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	46	48
Plymouth	4	4 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	4 00	689	497
Plympton	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	36	75
Rochester	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	15	33
Rockland	2	2 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2 00	946	849
Scituate	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	336	391
Wareham	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	318	307
West Bridgewater	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	250	400
Whitman	1	1 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1 00	806	945
Totals	21	$21 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	$21 00	6,454	7,109
Suffolk Co.												
Boston	201	$202 00[7]	6	9	$2,700 00	–	2	$2 00	–	$2,904 00	–[8]	–
Chelsea	9	9 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	9 00	5,339	3,552
Revere	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2,804	2,304
Winthrop	4	4 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	4 00	1,419	2,395
Totals	214	$215 00	6	9	$2,700 00	–	2	$2 00	–	$2,917 00	9,562	8,251
Worcester Co.												
Ashburnham	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	118	190
Athol	2	$2 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	$2 00	793	847
Auburn	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	266	422
Barre	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	172	135
Berlin	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	26	99
Blackstone	1	1 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1 00	246	53
Bolton	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	13	55
Boylston	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	39	118
Brookfield	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	84	70
Charlton	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	55	68
Clinton	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1,630	1,559
Dana	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	38	35
Douglas	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–[1]	–

[1] Not submitted to voters.
[6] Biennial Elections, Chap. 273, Acts 1924.
[7] One license paid for twice.
[8] Biennial elections, Chap. 479, Acts 1924

Sale of Certain Non-Intoxicating Beverages, etc., 1924 — Concluded

COUNTIES, CITIES AND TOWNS	Third Class			Fourth Class			Fifth Class			Amounts Received for Licenses	Vote at Last Annual Meeting. Shall Licenses be Granted?	
	No. Issued	Amounts Received for Same	No. Revoked	No. Issued	Amounts Received for Same	No. Revoked	No. Issued	Amounts Received for Same	No. Revoked		Yes	No
Worcester Co.–Con.												
Dudley	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	390	145
East Brookfield	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	40	23
Fitchburg	16	$16 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	$16 00	5,523	4,713
Gardner	6	6 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	6 00	962	830
Grafton	.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	442	397
Hardwick	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	264	193
Harvard	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	56	95
Holden	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	83	157
Hopedale	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	3	27
Hubbardston	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	44	85
Lancaster	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	42	67
Leicester	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	334	283
Leominster	7	7 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	7 00	1,211	1,026
Lunenburg	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	70	101
Mendon	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	13	46
Milford	4	4 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	4 00	1,783	956
Millbury	1	1 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1 00	586	462
Millville	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	230	177
New Braintree	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	11	16
North Brookfield	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	57	62
Northborough	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	176	318
Northbridge	3	3 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	3 00	600	567
Oakham	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	40	58
Oxford	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	412	316
Paxton	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	69	65
Petersham	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	54	53
Phillipston	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–[1]	–
Princeton	8	8 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	8 00	–[1]	–
Royalston	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	3	44
Rutland	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	13	33
Shrewsbury	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	54	113
Southborough	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	164	260
Southbridge	2	2 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2 00	2,054	998
Spencer	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	545	362
Sterling	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	70	83
Sturbridge	1	1 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1 00	170	151
Sutton	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	107	107
Templeton	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	159	133
Upton	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	99	183
Uxbridge	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	426	515
Warren	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	299	198
Webster	3	3 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	3 00	1,592	533
West Boylston	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	44	148
West Brookfield	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	105	136
Westborough	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	431	598
Westminster	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	18	89
Winchendon	2	2 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2 00	518	397
Worcester	38	38 00	–	2	$600 00	–	–	–	–	638 00	22,551	15,894
Totals	94	$94 00	–	2	$600 00	–	–	–	–	$694 00	46,397	35,864

[1] Not submitted to voters

Recapitulation

Counties	Vote at Last Annual Meeting. Shall Licenses be Granted?		Number Issued			Number Revoked	Amounts Received for Licenses
	Yes	No	Third Class	Fourth Class	Fifth Class		
Barnstable	1,999	2,625	1	–	–	–	$1 00
Berkshire	11,761	10,847	16	–	–	–	16 00
Bristol	42,428	28,084	88	–	1	–	88 00
Dukes	392	338	–	–	–	–	–
Essex	39,652	35,434	67	–	–	–	67 00
Franklin	3,005	2,745	4	–	–	–	4 00
Hampden	31,748	18,339	67	1	18	–	335 00
Hampshire	6,486	5,113	10	–	–	–	10 00
Middlesex	50,704	58,529	136	–	39	4	175 00
Nantucket	181	175	–	–	–	–	–
Norfolk	17,817	22,071	31	–	10	–	41 00
Plymouth	6,454	7,109	21	–	–	–	21 00
Suffolk	9,562	8,251	214	9	2	6	2,917 00
Worcester	46,397	35,864	94	2	–	–	694 00
Totals	268,586	235,524	749	12	70	10	$4,369 00

Abstract of the Returns of the Sheriffs of the Several Counties of the Commonwealth for the Year ending September 30, 1924, in Compliance with Chapter 37, Section 23, of the General Laws

Counties	Amount of Money Received					Number of Days' Attendance			
	From County Treasurer	From All Other Sources	Total	For Fees in Civil Processes	For Fees in Criminal Processes	Upon the Court	Upon County Commissioners	Upon More than One Tribunal Simultaneously	Total
Barnstable	–	$555 00	$555 00	–	$555 00	26	–	–	26
Berkshire	$3,300 00	1,345 00	4,645 00	–	–	69	14	2	85
Bristol	4,000 00[1]	24,163 92	28,163 92	–	–	172	10	4	186
Dukes	228 76	229 75	458 51	$161 46	68 29	3	–	–	3
Essex	–	25,141 65	25,141 65	–	–	190	–	83	273
Franklin	1,567 04	1,326 90	2,893 94	–	–	63	–	–	63
Hampden	3,900 00	9,464 22	13,364 22	–	–	206	7	102	315
Hampshire	–	4,265 00	4,265 00	–	–	103	2	–	105
Middlesex	4,600 00	41,805 86	46,405 86	–	–	1,256	–	196	1,452
Nantucket	372 48	213 00[3]	585 48	–[2]	–[2]	4	–	–	4
Norfolk	3,700 00	8,261 00	11,961 00	–	8,261 00	223	–	98	321
Plymouth	3,500 00	166 20[4]	3,666 20	21 00	–	86	43	17	146
Suffolk	4,000 00[5]	118,689 92[6]	122,689 92	–	–	2,936[7]	–	–	2,936
Worcester	4,100 00	36,455 14	40,555 14	–	–	211	–	535	746
Totals	$33,268 28	$272,082 56	$305,350 84	$182 46	$8,884 29	5,548	76	1,037	6,661

[1] Salary.
[2] Allowed to retain fees by statute.
[3] Superior Court expenses.
[4] Travel expenses $145.20.
[5] Salary, $3,000 as sheriff, $1,000 as keeper of county jail.
[6] Fines, $117,070.21; board of poor debtors, $34.25; sales of old material, $228.25; collected on civil process at jail, $821.32; sale of gaming warrants, 32.57; board of United States prisoners, $273.00; contempt of court, $230.32.
[7] Superior Criminal Court, first session, 195; second session, 205; third session, 120. District justices session, 188. Civil Court, first session, 176; second session, 174; third session, 172; fourth session, 174; fourth session, second division, 63; fifth session, 174; sixth session, 175; seventh session, 172. Jury waived session, 122. Divorce session, 95. Equity motion session, 305; merit session, 243. Supreme Judicial Court, for the Commonwealth, 83; for the county, 100.

ABSTRACT AND TABULAR STATEMENT OF THE RETURNS RELATIVE TO THE LAW, EQUITY, DIVORCE AND CRIMINAL BUSINESS OF THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1924, IN COMPLIANCE WITH CHAPTER 221, SECTION 24 OF THE GENERAL LAWS AS AMENDED BY CHAPTER 131 OF THE ACTS OF 1924
(Naturalization Business not included)

Counties	Number Pending at Beginning of Year					Number Entered During Year				Number Actually Tried					Number Disposed of by Agreement of Parties or by Order of Court			
	Civil Cases				Criminal Cases	Civil Cases				Civil Cases				Criminal Cases	Civil Cases			
	Jury	Jury waived	Equity	Divorce		Jury	Jury Waived	Equity	Divorce	Jury	Jury Waived	Equity	Divorce		Jury	Jury Waived	Equity	Divorce
Barnstable	92	42	20	29	31	54	27	9	9	4	1	–	5	4	42	14	1	11
Berkshire	225	122	109	63[2]	63	175	79	28	2	18	7	7	17[2]	13	124	70[3]	6	3
Bristol	1,666	601	413	270[5]	768	683	157	107	9	77	49	47	19	40	461	198	6	–
Dukes	13	9	3	8	4	7	8	1	1	2	–	–	3	1	3	6	1	–
Essex	2,981	573	514	429	920	1,701	379	271	29	188	47	28	133	200	1,166	268	120	9
Franklin	205	81	174	57	14	136	33	28	17	22	5	15	30	6	104	27	10	4
Hampden	2,242	841	569	554	370	958	414	210	429	95	29	11	330	24	676	389	64	11
Hampshire	171	113	75	49	43	116	35	24	5	22	5	–	4	47	73	54	9	19
Middlesex	4,751	1,258	1,726	837	748	2,694	783	350	166	236	59	10	223	450	1,835	699	241	52
Nantucket	2	5	–	1	–	7	10	–	–	2	1	–	1	–	2	1	–	–
Norfolk	1,053	286	340	183	709	606	185	71	36	63	17	30	42	75	397	144	19	14
Plymouth	713	267	320	193	526	463	139	85	103	57	9	6	8	100	282	123	25	118
Suffolk	17,384	4,118	4,491	2,285	1,366	7,582	2,341	1,809	565	1,569	274	292	589	1,276	9,557	3,087	903	82
Worcester	2,918	617	431	368	635	1,717	475	237	41	239	60	29	167	194	1,091	333	105	21[9]
Total	34,416	8,933	9,185	5,326	6,197	16,899	5,065	3,230	1,412	2.594	563	475	1,571	2,430	15,813	5,413	1,510	344

Counties	Number remaining Untried at End of Year					No. wherein Verdict of Jury in Civil Cases has been set aside by Court on Ground it was Excessive	Criminal Cases				Number of Days during which Court has sat for Hearing				
	Civil Cases				Criminal Cases		No. of Indictments Returned	No. of Appealed Cases entered	No. disposed of without trial	No. wherein new trial has been ordered	Civil Cases				Criminal Cases
	Jury	Jury waived	Equity	Divorce							Jury	Jury waived	Equity	Divorce	
Barnstable	103	51	28	22	40	–	24	22	33	–	–[1]	–	–	–	–
Berkshire	258	126[3]	122	45	67	–	55	46	84	–	29	–[4]	–	1	19
Bristol	1,811	511	467	202	853	2	399	803	1,077	–	109	31	5	6	55
Dukes	15	11	3	6	4	–	5	4	–	–	–[6]	–	–	–	–
Essex	3,529	524	648	307	1,118	–	552	1,230	1,384	3	261	38	19	–	161
Franklin	238	88	191	31	25	1	34	21	40	–	25	4	3	2	10
Hampden	2,404	788	660	464	592	–	131	310	195	–	186	34	12	35	53
Hampshire	189	99	83	30	80	–	81	97	91	–	23	1	–	1	46
Middlesex	5,694	1,229	1,835	495	947[7]	–	973	1,544	1,868	79	307	34	13	29	382
Nantucket	2	5	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2
Norfolk	1,199	310	362	120	543	–	139	312	542	2	182	24	–	–	77
Plymouth	837	274	374	170	608	–	137	576	531	–	74	15	15	10	84
Suffolk	15,409	3,372	5,397	1,177	679	5	1,205	4,129	5,685	4	1,302	116	225[8]	105	294
Worcester	3,305	699	534	213	877	1	521	1,635	1,720	–	222	43	22	17	149
Total	34,993	8,087	10,704	3,282	6,433	9	4,256	10,729	13,250	88	2,720	340	314	206	1,332

[1] Unknown, owing to mixed sessions.
[2] Including two libels for annulment.
[3] Including one case amended for equity.
[4] Jury waived and equity cases, 15; jury waived, equity and divorce cases, 3.
[5] Including decrees pending nisi. Dismissed, 6; Transferred to Probate Court, 4; Decrees pending nisi, 1923, 45; Decrees pending nisi 1924, 3.
[6] All classes four days.
[7] Indictments, 710; appealed cases, 237.
[8] Equity merit session for all counties in the Commonwealth; equity motion session for all counties in the Commonwealth; a justice in attendance every day except Sundays and legal holidays.
[9] In addition to this number 8 cases were transferred to the Probate Court.

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ANNUAL REPORT

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OF

MASSACHUSETTS

FOR THE

Year ending November 30, 1925

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Office of the Secretary, January 5, 1926.

To the Honorable Senate and the House of Representatives:

I have the honor to submit, in compliance with General Laws, chapter 9, section 17, the annual report of the transactions of this office for the year ending November 30, 1925, the returns of the sheriffs of the several counties of money received by them, and of their attendance upon a court of record and the county commissioners; a report showing the aggregate vote, both affirmative and negative, on every act or part of an act which shall have been referred by the General Court for acceptance or rejection to the voters of the Commonwealth or of any part thereof, or to the city council of any city, during the calendar year 1925; and a record of the work of this Department in respect to public records under chapter 66 of the General Laws.

There is also presented, in compliance with General Laws, chapter 221, section 24, as amended by Acts of 1924, chapter 131, abstract and tabular statements of the returns of the clerks of the courts for the several counties and the clerks of the Superior Court for civil and for criminal business in Suffolk county; as to civil cases, the number of jury cases, of jury waived cases, of equity cases and of divorce cases pending at the beginning of each year in the Superior Court for their respective counties, the number of each of said four classes of cases entered during the year, the number of cases of each class actually tried during the year, the number of cases of each class disposed of during the year by agreement of the parties or by order of the court, the number of cases of each class remaining untried at the end of the year, the number of cases wherein the verdict of the jury has been set aside by the court on the ground that it was excessive and the number of days during which the court has sat in their respective counties for the hearing of each of said four classes of cases; and, as to criminal cases, the number of such cases pending at the beginning of each year in the Superior Court for their respective counties, the number of indictments returned during the year, the number of appealed criminal cases entered during the year, the number of such cases actually tried during the year, the number of cases disposed of without trial during the year, the number of such cases remaining untried at the end of the year, the number of such cases wherein a new trial has been ordered and the number of days during which the court has sat in their respective counties for the hearing of such cases.

Receipts and Expenditures

The following table shows, in detail, the receipts from fees, etc., all of which were paid into the treasury daily, and quarterly reports thereof made to the Governor and Council, as required by General Laws, chapter 9, section 1: —

Commissions		$21,300 00
Corporation Certificates		462,886 69
Limited Partnerships		116 00
Labels, Trade-marks, etc.		4,875 00
Sale of Books, etc.		15,686 35
Certificates		1,501 00
Military Records		230 45
Copies		10,645 25
Miscellaneous:		
Vital Statistics	$663 50	
Advance Sheets	468 00	
Miscellaneous	77	1,132 27
		$518,373 01

The total expenses for salaries and incidentals during the year were $117,710.17, from which it appears that there was turned into the treasury of the Commonwealth $400,662.84 over the office expenses.

Commissions

The number of commissions issued during the year ending November 30, 1925, was 4,575 (a decrease of 1,136 from the preceding year), of which 315 were without fee and 320 became void by reason of the failure of the appointees to take out the commissions or to qualify thereunder. The different classes were as follows: —

Notaries public	2,951
Justices of the peace	1,262
Special district police officers	20
Recorder of Land Court	1
Trustees, commissioners, etc.	156
Public warehousemen	33
Justices of the peace to solemnize marriages	20
Public administrators	5
Masters in chancery	12
Medical examiners	18
Clerks, municipal and district courts	16
Commissioners in other States	4
Justices and special justices, municipal and district courts	12
Associate medical examiners	7
Justices of the peace to issue warrants and take bail	13
Trial justices	6
Commissioners to qualify public officers	6
Commissioners in foreign countries	5
Associate justices, Superior Court	2
Ballot Law Commissioner	1
Board of Excise, City of Chelsea	1
Board of Police, City of Fall River	1
Finance Commissioner, City of Boston	1
Judges of probate and insolvency	2
Registers of probate and insolvency	4
Supervisors of Registration, Somerville	10
Secretary to Governor	1
Assistant Secretary to Governor	1
Executive Secretary	1
Executive Messenger	1
Executive Stenographer	1
District Attorney	1
	4,575

Certificates to the number of 6,996 were issued. Fees were remitted for 992.

Corporation Division (Rooms 335B, 337, 340A, 340B)

The total number of certificates of incorporation issued under General Laws to new corporations for the fiscal year ending November 30, 1925, was 2,689 — an increase of 43 as compared with the fiscal year ending November 30, 1924. They were classified as follows: —

Trading corporations (under General Laws, chapter 156, section 12)	2,360
Religious, charitable, social, educational, musical, athletic, etc., corporations (under General Laws, chapter 180, section 3)	283
Fraternal beneficiary corporations (under General Laws, chapter 176, section 9)	19
Churches (under General Laws, chapter 67, section 51)	13
Credit unions (under General Laws, chapter 171, section 3)	5
Co-operative banks (under General Laws, chapter 170, section 5)	3
Insurance companies (under General Laws, chapter 175, section 49)	2
Trust company (under General Laws, chapter 172, section 10)	1
Electric companies (under General Laws, chapter 164, section 5)	2
Water company (under General Laws, chapter 158, section 9)	1

The number of miscellaneous certificates filed and recorded was 18,908 — an increase of 239 as compared with the fiscal year ending November 30, 1924. Of

these, 14,224 were certificates of condition of Massachusetts corporations (under General Laws, chapter 158, section 37 and chapter 156, section 47); 2,360 were articles of organization of trading corporations (under General Laws, chapter 156, section 12); 283 were certificates of religious, charitable, social and other organizations (under General Laws, chapter 180); 723 were certificates of issue of capital stock of trading corporations (under General Laws, chapter 156, sections 16 and 17), and the others were distributed among 23 different classes.

The number of miscellaneous certificates filed was 2,029, of which 1,912 were certificates of condition of foreign corporations (under General Laws, chapter 181, section 12), and the others were divided among 15 other classes.

There were issued 37 certificates of change of name of corporations (under General Laws, chapter 155, section 10, and chapter 180, section 11).

Returns were received of the dissolution of 30 corporations by the Supreme Judicial and Superior Courts.

Under the act relating to the incorporation of clubs, charters were refused in 31 cases, and 11 charters declared void.

Limited partnership certificates to the number of 19 were filed and recorded.

In the Corporation Division, 3,292 certified copies of the records and certificates were supplied — an increase of 362 as compared with the fiscal year ending November 30, 1924.

Labels, Trade-Marks, etc. (Room 337)

By General Laws, chapter 110, section 8, which relates to the adoption and registration of labels, trade-marks, stamps and forms of advertisement, the duty is placed upon the Secretary of the Commonwealth of receiving, filing and recording such labels, etc., and of issuing and recording certificates of record. Under this law, labels, trade-marks, stamps and forms of advertisement were received, and certificates of record issued and recorded, in 184 cases.

Under General Laws, chapter 110, section 8, which provides for the assignment of labels, trade-marks, stamps and forms of advertisement, 11 assignments were received, and certificates of registration issued and recorded.

Insignia of Societies and Labor Unions (Room 337)

General Laws, chapter 110, section 9, provides for the registration in this office of the insignia, ribbons, badges, rosettes, buttons and emblems of societies, associations and labor unions. One registration was received which has been included with the number of labels above given, under General Laws, chapter 110, section 8.

Marks and Devices on Cans, etc. (Room 337)

By General Laws, chapter 110, section 17, which provides for the protection of owners of cans, bottles, boxes, siphons and fountains used in the sale of soda water, mineral and aerated waters, ale, beer, ginger ale or similar beverages, it is made the duty of the Secretary of the Commonwealth to receive and file descriptions of marks, devices, etc., and under this law 2 such descriptions were received and filed. Under General Laws, chapter 110, section 21, as amended by chapter 37, Acts of 1924, protecting dealers and consumers against the unlawful use and destruction of milk and ice cream cans, jugs, bottles, jars, tubs or cabinets, 16 descriptions of marks, devices, etc., were received and filed.

Legislation Recommended for Incorporated Clubs

In the matter of charters for corporations organized under the General Laws for the purpose of fostering, encouraging or engaging in athletic exercises, or for the establishment and maintenance of places for reading rooms, libraries or social meetings, it is extremely difficult at times to determine whether or not illegal business is contemplated. After such charters have been granted it is almost impossible for the police or other authorities to exercise any supervision over their continuance.

After numerous consultations with the Commissioner of Public Safety of the Commonwealth, the Police Commissioner of Boston and many representatives of welfare organizations, I am convinced amendments to the present law should be enacted. Questioning, however, just how far some of these proposed amendments

may be held to be constitutional, I have endeavored to obtain an opinion from the Attorney General on the matter. As he declines to advise departments upon constitutional questions unless such advice is clearly required to enable discharge of duties required by law, these recommendations, upon which I presume your honorable body will require opinions as to constitutionality, are included, with others, as follows: —

1. Report from Police Commissioner of Boston as well as the Licensing Board of conviction obtained on premises of a club can void charter.
   (Amend G. L., Ch. 138, sect. 76.)
2. Require consent to the use of certain corporate titles to be given under oath.
   (Amend G. L., Ch. 155, sect. 9.)
3. Change of name of clubs can take place only after local investigation as in the case of applications for original incorporation. Locations to be occupied must be fixed. Incorporators and their associates are to be investigated and reported on with regard to character, etc.
   (Amend G. L., Ch. 180, sect. 5, which is section one of Bill, and G. L., Ch. 155, sect. 10, which is section two of Bill.)
4. Incorporated clubs cannot change their location in a municipality from one street and number to another street and number without consent of certain municipal authorities.
   (Amend G. L., Ch. 180, sect. 26.)
5. Clarify law to declare charters of clubs void upon "forfeiture" of implements of sale of liquor and gaming by the court.
   (Amend G. L., Ch. 180, sect. 27.)
6. Penalize operating under a club charter possessed illegally.
   (Amend G. L., Ch. 180, sect. 28.)
7. Annual report required to be filed with State Secretary by corporations created for social and other purposes with penalty.
   (New section 12A under G. L., Ch. 180.)
8. Charters granted clubs shall be void if organization is not completed in six months and evidence filed with State Secretary.
   (New section 14A under G. L., Ch. 155.)
9. Clubs may be restricted in their operation by regulations made by municipal authorities.
   (New section 28A under G. L., Ch. 180.)
10. Police may enter and inspect clubs as they now do in case of dance halls.
    (New section 29 under G. L., Ch. 180.)

Vital Statistics Division (Room 334)

Under the provisions of General Laws, chapter 46, section 17, the returns of births and marriages from 355 cities and towns, and births from the State Infirmary at Tewksbury, for the year 1924, which were received in 1925, cover 91,463 births, and 32,080 marriages, an increase of 2,253 births and a decrease of 3,120 marriages, as compared with the returns of 1923.

Under the provisions of the same law, 49,466 certified copies of records of deaths were received, covering the period from January 1, 1924, to December 31, 1924, a decrease of 2,914 as compared with the returns of 1923.

The medical examiners' returns for 1924 cover 7,341 cases, a decrease of 208 as compared with the returns of 1923.

The returns by the clerks of the courts and registers of probate of the decrees of divorce for 1924 number 4,294, an increase of 178 as compared with the returns of 1923.

These figures are compiled, analyzed and presented fully in the annual registration report for 1924 (Public Document No. 1), and were available August 1, 1925.

During the year 2,165 certificates of birth, 772 certificates of marriage, and 717 certificates of death were issued, a total of 3,654. Fees received from these certificates amounted to $663.50.

There were 4,181 abstracts of birth records given out for school and employment purposes.

Naturalization Returns

Under the provisions of General Laws, chapter 220, section 19, returns were received of the naturalization of 2,702 persons before the superior courts of the Commonwealth during the year 1924, an increase of 824 as compared with the returns of 1923. These returns were indexed and bound in convenient form for reference, as required by law.

Changes of Names of Persons

The returns of 1,339 names, changed in 1924 as decreed by the several probate courts, were received and filed in compliance with the requirements of General Laws, chapter 210, section 12.

Archives Division (Room 438)

The Chief of the Archives Division respectfully reports as follows:

The number of visitors during the year was 2,840; written inquiries: military service, 762; historical, legal and miscellaneous, 307; certificates of military service, 239; copies: of legislative records and manuscripts, typewritten, 84; of legislative records, manuscripts, maps, corporation records and other material, photostatic, 696; of soldiers' discharges, photostatic, 50; of World War diaries, etc., photostatic, 1,615; totalling 20,079 photostats; fees received: for military certificates, $230.25; typewritten copies, $69.70; photostatic copies, $4,363.80; totalling $4,663.75.

Reproduction of Archives

Proceeding as rapidly as can be expected with increasing demand for photostatic work.

Photostat

Constantly employed reproducing archives, maps, manuscripts, corporation records, etc.

World War Records

Many diaries and other papers have been photostated for the History Commission. (Chap. 510, Acts of 1924.)

Rebinding of Archives

Owing to unsettled conditions no volumes have been bound this year.

Further Protection of the Archives

Owing to there having been three fires, within a few years, in that portion of the State House in which the Archives (from 1625 to date) is located, effective measures should be taken for further safeguarding the greatest collection (from a legal and historical standpoint) in America. With the lessons of New York and West Virginia before us (in which the Archives and State Library were practically destroyed) a collection which can not be replaced and commercially is worth at least a million dollars should be guarded carefully.

House Journals, 1715–1780

Vol. VI, 1724–1726, reprinted by the Massachusetts Historical Society, has been purchased, and distributed by the Document Division. (Chap. 413, Acts of 1920, and 164 of 1922.)

Vital Records to 1850

Salem (deaths), 2 vols., and Roxbury (births), compiled by Essex Institute, and Nantucket (births, A-F), compiled by the New England Historic Genealogical Society, have been purchased, and distributed by the Document Division. (Chap. 562, Acts of 1920, and 199 of 1922.)

Public Document Division (Room 118)

During the year 1925 the following publications were received for distribution through the Public Document Division: 70,360 volumes of the Public Document

Series, representing 78 reports of the several state departments, boards and commissions; 10,000 copies of the pamphlet edition of the session laws; 11,000 copies of the bound edition of the session laws, commonly called the Blue Book; 750 copies each of the Senate and House Journals, total, 1,500 copies; 454 copies each of the Massachusetts Reports, Nos. 248, 249 and 250, total, 1,362 copies; 750 copies of the Fifty-ninth Annual Encampment, Department of Massachusetts, G. A. R. 1925; 300 copies of the Journals of the House of Representatives, Vol. 6, 1724–26; 2,000 copies of the Annual Proceedings, The American Legion, Department of Massachusetts, 1924; 350 copies each of Vols. 5 and 6 of Salem Deaths, Vol. 1 of Nantucket Births, Roxbury Births, and Rockport Vital Records, total, 1,750 copies; 900 copies of the Proceedings of the Twenty-fourth Annual Encampment, Department of Massachusetts, U. S. W. V., 1923; 5,000 copies of the Manual for the Instruction of Applicants for the Police Service of Cities and Towns in Massachusetts; 4,000 copies of the Laws Relating to Insurance and Insurance Companies, 1924; 250 copies of the Statutes Relating to Deposits with Others than Banks, 1923; 500 copies of the Proceedings of the Electoral College of Massachusetts, 1925; 5,050 copies of the General Laws Relating to Corporations, 1925; 10,000 copies of the Laws Relating to Veterans and their Organizations, 1924; 5,000 copies of the publication "Birds of Massachusetts and Other New England States," Vol. 1; 10,500 copies of the Manual for the General Court, 1925–1926; 2,000 copies of the Condensed Summary of Laws Relative to Innholders and Common Victuallers, 1925; 2,000 copies of the Addresses and Messages to the General Court, Proclamations, Official Addresses, Correspondence and Statements of His Excellency Governor Channing H. Cox, 1921, 1922, 1923 and 1924; 40 copies of the 1924–25 report of the Finance Commission for the City of Boston, which copies were received from the above commission; 750 copies of the First Report of the Judicial Council of Massachusetts, November, 1925; — making a grand total of 145,012 volumes that have passed through this Division during the year.

In addition to the above, there were distributed 9,500 copies of "Dangerous Weapons" posters, which posters were printed in the following languages: English, French, German, Greek, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Swedish and Yiddish.

Division of Public Records (Room 252)

Inspections

Inspections of the care, custody, condition and protection against fires of the public records of the departments and offices of the counties, cities and towns, have been made during the year 1925 in the following 170 places: Adams, Agawam, Amesbury, Amherst, Ashland, Auburn, Barnstable, Becket, Bedford, Belchertown, Billerica, Bourne, Boxborough, Boxford, Boylston, Brewster, Bridgewater, Brimfield, Brookfield, Burlington, Carlisle, Charleton, Chatham, Chelmsford, Cheshire, Clarksburg, Clinton, Concord, Conway, Danvers, Dartmouth, Deerfield, Dennis, Douglass, Dover, Dracut, Dudley, Duxbury, East Bridgewater, East Brookfield, East Longmeadow, Eastham, Easthampton, Easton, Essex, Falmouth, Framingham, Georgetown, Gloucester, Grafton, Granby, Greenfield, Groveland, Hadley, Hamilton, Hampden, Hancock, Hanover, Hardwick, Harvard, Harwich, Holden, Holland, Hopkinton, Lanesborough, Lee, Leicester, Lexington, Littleton, Longmeadow, Lowell, Ludlow, Lynnfield, Manchester, Mansfield, Marblehead, Marion, Marlborough, Marshfield, Mashpee, Mattapoisett, Medfield, Mendon, Merrimac, Middleton, Millbury, Millis, Montague, Nahant, Natick, Needham, New Ashford, New Bedford, Newbury, North Adams, North Brookfield, North Reading, Northampton, Northborough, Northbridge, Norwell, Oakham, Orleans, Otis, Oxford, Palmer, Paxton, Pelham, Peru, Pittsfield, Plymouth, Provincetown, Reading, Rehoboth, Richmond, Rochester, Rockland, Rockport, Rowley, Rutland, Salem, Salisbury, Sandwich, Saugus, Sherborn, Shrewsbury, Southampton, Southborough, Southbridge, Southwick, Spencer, Sturbridge, Sunderland, Sutton, Swampscott, Swansea, Taunton, Tewksbury, Topsfield, Truro, Tyngsborough, Upton, Uxbridge, Wales, Ware, Wareham, Warren, Washington, Webster, Wellesley, Wellfleet, Wenham, West Boylston, West Bridgewater, West Brookfield,

West Newbury, West Springfield, West Stockbridge, Westborough, Westfield, Westhampton, Westport, Whately, Whitman, Wilbraham, Williamstown, Wilmington, Windsor, Woburn, Yarmouth.

The inspections made by the Supervisor of Records, under the provisions of the General Laws, chapter 66, section 1, show improved conditions in the care of public records. During the year 25 vaults and 18 safes have been approved by this office.

Fires

An early morning fire December 10, 1924, which destroyed three of the six buildings comprising the State Normal School group at Bridgewater; no records were lost.

On October 9, 1925, an early morning fire damaged the town building at Winchendon. The vault and safes in which the records were kept preserved their contents intact.

On October 24, 1925, fire broke out on the fifth floor of the State House, in a room used by the State Department of Health, in which some records and cards were kept, most of which were destroyed.

City Halls

The City of Waltham has begun the construction of a new City Hall. The City of Brockton is enlarging its vaults. The City of Fall River is making improvements in the City Hall Annex and building additional vaults.

Town Halls

Improvements in the Town Hall at Watertown; new room for the selectmen, enlargement of the clerk's office and an additional vault. New office building for the town offices at North Andover. A new office building is under construction at Dartmouth.

District Court

A new District Court Building is being erected at Lowell.

Repairing and Binding

Records have been repaired and rebound during the year for the Towns of Rowley and Raynham. The Town of Brookline, a cemetery map; maps and records for the County of Plymouth, records for the County of Bristol at Taunton, maps for the County of Middlesex at Lowell, Hampden County at Springfield and Hampshire County at Northampton.

Typewriter Ribbons and Stamping Pads

No additional typewriter ribbons or stamping pads have been approved during the year.

Census Division

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 453 of the Acts of 1924, forms, blanks and instructions were prepared and forwarded to the Mayor of each city and the Selectmen of each town in the Commonwealth, in ample time for them to begin the enumeration of their municipality, on April 1, 1925.

By the Census Act each municipality was required to forward to the Secretary of the Commonwealth the completed returns, together with a sworn statement of the total of the population obtained, on or before June 30, 1925. At the close of June 30, seventy (70) cities and towns had not reported.

In accordance with the provisions of the Census Act forms and blanks were sent to the Election Commissioners or Registrars of Voters in ample time for them to make their returns to this office of the number of registered voters on file at the close of business on March 31, 1925. The law required that these returns be received not later than June 30, 1925. Great difficulty was encountered in obtaining from the municipalities a correct statement of the number of registered voters as of the date required by the Act. On June 30, 1925, one hundred and fourteen (114) cities and towns had not reported.

A tabulation of the Registered Voters by Councillor, Senatorial and Representative Districts was prepared and submitted to the Joint Special Committee on Councillor and Senatorial Districts, on August 26, 1925. On August 27, 1925, a tabulation of the Registered Voters, arranged by Counties, Cities and Towns, was forwarded to the Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The results of the Census will be published in pamphlet form early in 1926.

Returns under the "Lobby Act"

In compliance with the provisions of sections 39 to 50 inclusive, chapter 3, General Laws, relating to legislative counsel and agents' expenses incurred or paid in connection with promoting or opposing legislation during the last session of the General Court, there were 253 entries made in the dockets, a decrease of 38 as compared with 1924.

Returns covering 250 of these entries were received in this office from persons, corporations and associations. Of these returns 33 appeared to be irregular or defective, 9 were received after the expiration of the thirty-day period following the prorogation of the General Court, May 2, 2 were received from employers of legislative counsel or agents whose names had not been previously registered in the docket, and 3 failed to file returns. These were, therefore, transmitted to the Attorney General, as required by law.

The total amount reported as paid to legislative counsel and agents was $86,826.55; in addition to this, $60,051 represented annual salaries or retainers unapportioned, and 14 persons, corporations and associations reported that they paid nothing.

Proclamations

The proclamations of His Excellency the Governor for the observance of Lincoln Day, Arbor and Bird Day, Flag Day and Thanksgiving Day were printed and distributed under the direction of this office.

Of the Lincoln Day proclamations 11,000 copies were given public distribution to the schools, institutions, patriotic societies, postmasters and city and town clerks. Of the Arbor and Bird Day and Forest Protection Week 7,100 copies were mailed to the schools, granges, agricultural societies, institutions, postmasters and city and town clerks. Flag Day proclamations to the number of 11,000 were mailed to the schools, postmasters, patriotic societies, churches, institutions and city and town clerks; and 10,000 Thanksgiving proclamations were sent to the churches, schools, postmasters and city and town clerks.

In addition to the above, proclamations were printed and distributed as follows: For the observance of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the battle of Bunker Hill, June 17, 1925, proclamations were distributed to the schools, institutions, patriotic societies, postmasters and city and town clerks. For Fire Prevention Week, October 4 to 10, inclusive, 6,000 copies were distributed by the State Fire Marshal. For the observance of Armistice Day, November 11, 11,000 proclamations were given public distribution to the schools, institutions, patriotic societies, postmasters and city and town clerks.

Proclamations were also issued to the press by the Governor as follows: For "Be Kind to Animals Week," April 13 to 18, inclusive, and Humane Sunday, April 5 and November 14, designating "American Education Week," from November 16 to 23, inclusive.

Pardons, Requisitions, etc.

The number of pardons made out and issued during the year was 3, two of which were under parole conditions; commutations of sentence, 4; requisitions upon other States, 247; upon Secretary of the Navy of the United States, 2; upon Secretary of War of the United States, 1; extradition requests upon foreign countries, 5; and warrants issued upon requisitions from other States, 34.

Rules and Regulations of State Departments

By chapter 30, section 37, General Laws, certain rules and regulations of departments, commissions, boards or officials vested by law with the power to make and issue rules and regulations general in scope, and to be observed or performed

under penalty for the violation thereof, shall not take effect until attested copies thereof have been filed with the Secretary of the Commonwealth. Under this law rules and regulations were filed by the following departments and commission during the year 1925: Department of Conservation; Department of Labor and Industries; Department of Public Health; Department of Public Safety; Department of Public Works; Metropolitan District Commission.

Miscellaneous

The two reports from this office which form a part of the Public Document series, namely, Returns of Births, Marriages, Divorces, and Deaths (Public Document No. 1) and Returns of Assessed Polls, Registered Voters and Persons who voted, etc. (Public Document No. 43) have been made, as required by law.

FREDERIC W. COOK,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Returns from Cities and Towns relative to Action taken under Certain Provisions of the General Laws

When Received	City or Town	Subject and Reference	Action	Date of Action
1925				
Jan. 6	Taunton	Board of survey, G. L. 41, § 73	Accepted	Dec. 30, 1924
Jan. 31	Brewster	Use of official ballots, G. L. 41, § 6	Accepted	Jan. 17, 1925
Feb. 12	Shrewsbury	Planning board, G. L. 41, §§ 70–72	Accepted	Feb. 9, 1925
Mar. 11	Mendon	Sunday sales, G. L. 136, §§ 7 & 8	Accepted	Mar. 2, 1925
Mar. 12	Granby	Use of official ballots, 1893, 417, § 293	Accepted	"In 1898" exact date not given.
Mar. 13	Millville	Use of official ballots, G. L. 41, § 6	Accepted	Jan. 29, 1917
Mar. 14	Otis	Use of official ballots, G. L. 41, § 6	Accepted	"Seven years ago."
Mar. 16	Norwell	Sunday sales, G. L. 136, §§ 7 & 8	Accepted	Mar. 2, 1925
Mar. 16	Dennis	Use of official ballots, G. L. 41, § 6	Accepted	Sept. 23, 1922
Mar. 18	Hopedale	Appointment and removal of assistant assessors, 1921, 14 (G. L. 41, § 25A)	Accepted	Mar. 2, 1925
Mar. 20	Acushnet	Use of official ballots, G. L. 41, § 6	Accepted	Mar. 3, 1919
Mar. 20	Barre	Precinct voting at town elections, 1913, 431, § 1, & 835, § 221	Accepted	April 1, 1918
Mar. 23	Framingham	Pensions for injured policemen, G. L. 32, § 84	Accepted	Mar. 11, 1925
Mar. 26	Winchendon	Name of Overseers of the Poor changed to Board of Public Welfare, 1923, 26 (G. L. 41, § 34A)	Accepted	Mar. 7, 1925
Mar. 26	Winchendon	Pensions for policemen and firemen, G. L. 32, § 85	Accepted	Mar. 7, 1925
Mar. 28	Braintree	Pensions to foremen, inspectors, etc., 1923, 458 (G. L. 32, § 77, Par. [b])	Accepted	Mar. 23, 1925
April 1	Gloucester	Ordinance relating to ward boundaries, G. L. 54, § 1	Accepted	Dec. 29, 1924
April 6	Tewksbury	Use of official ballots, G. L. 41, § 6	Accepted	Dec. 3, 1915
April 21	Sherborn	Precinct voting (Revocation of acceptance of G. L. 39, § 20)	Revocation	Mar. 2, 1925
April 25	Mansfield	Collection of water rates, 1923, 391	Accepted	Feb. 9, 1925
April 27	Quincy	Police assistance for assessment of poll taxes and making certain lists in cities, 1925, 183 (G. L. 51, § 14A)	Accepted	April 23, 1925
April 30	Brockton	Annuities to families of police, G. L. 32, § 89	Accepted	April 21, 1925
May 2	Lawrence	Establishment of new precincts, G. L. 54, § 10	Accepted	Jan. 26, 1925
May 11	Westport	Licenses for slaughter houses, 1924, 496, § 2 (G. L. 94, 120A)	Accepted	Mar. 9, 1925
May 26	Newton	Board of survey, G. L. 41, §§ 73–81 & 1925, 35	Accepted	May 20, 1925
June 6	Weymouth	Pensions for members of police department, G. L. 32, § 85	Accepted	Mar. 9, 1925
June 6	Weymouth	Appointment of permanent chief of fire department, G. L. 48, §§ 42–44	Accepted	Mar. 9, 1925
June 6	Weymouth	Inspection of buildings, G. L. 143, §§ 3–12	Accepted	Mar. 9, 1925
June 11	Springfield	Appointment of additional election officers in cities, 1925, 91 (G. L. 54, § 11)	Accepted	June 8, 1925
June 11	Lowell	Building lines, 1925, 130 (G. L. 82, § 37)	Accepted	June 8, 1925
July 16	Watertown	Building lines, 1893, 462	Accepted	June 21, 1895

July 25	Chicopee	Voting precincts, G. L. 54, §§ 2 & 10	Accepted	Feb. 16, 1925 May 11, 1925
July 25	Southwick	Inspection of buildings, G. L. 143, § 3	Accepted	July 23, 1925
Aug. 13	Quincy	Removal of combustible materials, G. L. 148, § 6	Accepted	Aug. 10, 1925
Sept. 12	Milton	Amateur athletic outdoor sports or games permitted on Lord's Day, 1920, 240	Accepted	May 3, 1920
Oct. 10	Newton	Establishment of new precincts, G. L. 54, § 10	Accepted	Feb. 2, 1925
Oct. 15	Haverhill	Building lines, 1925, 130 (G. L. 82, § 37)	Accepted	Oct. 13, 1925
Nov. 11	Springfield	Primaries for city officials, G. L. 53, § 56	Accepted	Nov. 3, 1925
Nov. 11	Braintree	Building lines, 1925, 130 (G. L. 82, § 37)	Accepted	Nov. 10, 1925
Dec. 1	Medford	Pensions for firemen in cities, G. L. 32, §§ 80 & 81	Accepted	Nov. 28, 1925
Dec. 4	Worcester	Board of survey, G. L. 41, §§ 73–81	Accepted	Dec. 1, 1925
Dec. 12	New Salem	Use of official ballots, G. L. 41, § 6	Accepted	Feb. 2, 1925
Dec. 21	Florida	Use of official ballots, G. L. 41, § 6 and precinct voting, G. L. 54, § 6	Accepted	Dec. 12, 1925

Returns relative to the Acceptance or Rejection of Certain Special Acts passed by the General Court and referred to the Voters, to the City Council of a City, to the Selectmen of a Town, or the County Commissioners of a County

When received	From whom received	Title of Act	Date of Action	Vote	
				Yes	No
1925					
Feb. 12	Assistant City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the city of Boston to transfer to its park department for playground purposes certain land now under the control of its hospital department [1924, 70]	Feb. 10, 1925	–[1]	–
Feb. 28	Assistant Clerk, Middlesex County Commissioners.	An Act relative to the powers of the county commissioners of Middlesex County, acting as the Walden Pond State Reservation Commission [1925, 26]	Feb. 27, 1925	–[2]	–
Mar. 2	City Clerk, Malden	An Act to provide for surface and ground water drainage in the northeasterly part of Everett and the adjacent portions of Malden and Revere [1924, 456]	Dec. 10, 1924	–[1]	–
Mar. 2	City Clerk, Everett	An Act to provide for surface and ground water drainage in the northeasterly part of Everett and the adjacent portions of Malden and Revere [1924, 456]	Dec. 2, 1924	–[3]	–
Mar. 5	Town Clerk, Natick	An Act placing under civil service the regular and permanent members of the fire department of the town of Natick and the offices of chief and deputy chief of said fire department [1925, 8]	Mar. 2, 1925	2,110	1,246
Mar. 12	Clerk, Hampden County Commissioners.	An Act authorizing the county commissioners of the county of Hampden to purchase additional land in the town of Agawam adjacent to the Hampden County Training School for the uses and purposes of said school [1925, 10]	Mar. 11, 1925	–[4]	–
April 2	Town Clerk, Stoneham	An Act relative to sewer assessments in the town of Stoneham [1924, 336]	Mar. 31, 1925	–[5]	–
April 3	Assistant City Clerk, Boston	An Act permitting certain employees of the city of Boston or the county of Suffolk to become members of the Boston Retirement System [1925, 90]	April 2, 1925	–[1]	–
April 4	Town Clerk, Wakefield	An Act relative to the tenure of office of the chief of the fire department of the town of Wakefield [1925, 46]	Mar. 30, 1925	–[5]	–
April 18	Clerk, Boston Elevated Railway Company.	An Act providing that interest during construction shall be deemed a part of the cost of the extension of the Dorchester Tunnel in determining the rental thereof [1925, 206]	April 13, 1925	–[6]	–
April 23	Assistant Clerk, Middlesex County Commissioners.	An Act authorizing the county commissioners of Middlesex County to pension William M. F. Killion, probation and court officer of the first district court of Eastern Middlesex [1925, 203]	April 21, 1925	–[2]	–
May 8	Deputy Assistant Clerk, Essex County Commissioners.	An Act authorizing the trustees of the Essex County Agricultural School to rebuild, furnish and equip the home making building at said school [1925, 134]	April 10, 1925	–[7]	–
May 8	Chairman, Hampden County Commissioners.	An Act authorizing the county of Hampden to pay a certain sum of money to Lydia M. Tanner for services as acting register of deeds [1925, 22]	May 6, 1925	–[4]	–
May 12	Assistant City Clerk, Boston	An Act to establish the salary of and provide for a vacation for the Italian interpreter for the East Boston district court [1925, 255]	May 9, 1925	–[1]	–

May 14	Assistant City Clerk, Boston	An Act establishing the salary of the court officer for the municipal court of the Brighton District of the city of Boston [1925, 256]	May 12, 1925	–[1]	–
May 15	Town Clerk, Framingham	An Act to incorporate the city of Framingham [1925, 50]	Mar. 2, 1925	1,697	2,395
May 16	Assistant Clerk, Middlesex County Commissioners.	An Act establishing the office of assistant clerk of the district court of Newton [1925, 257]	May 15, 1925	–[2]	–
May 21	Assistant Clerk, Middlesex County Commissioners.	An Act authorizing the Walden Pond State Reservation Commission to acquire from the Boston and Maine Railroad certain land in the town of Concord adjacent to the Walden Pond State Reservation [1925, 163]	May 15, 1925	–[2]	–
May 21	City Clerk, Haverhill	An Act authorizing the city of Haverhill to pension James P. Conner [1925, 89]	April 30, 1925	–[3]	–
May 23	City Clerk, Cambridge	An Act authorizing the city of Cambridge to use, for certain municipal purposes, land taken or acquired for a reservoir and for the protection of its water supply [1925, 225]	May 22, 1925	–[1]	–
May 28	Assistant City Clerk, Boston	An Act to regulate appropriations for general and certain other school purposes in the city of Boston [1925, 309]	May 26, 1925	–[9]	–
May 28	Clerk, Plymouth County Commissioners.	An Act authorizing the Plymouth county commissioners to construct a bridge in the dike across Green Harbor River in the town of Marshfield and to borrow money therefor [1925, 298]	May 26, 1925	–[10]	–
June 4	Clerk, Plymouth County Commissioners.	An Act providing for the construction of a breakwater or sea wall at Point Allerton in the town of Hull [1925, 315]	June 2, 1925	–[10]	–
June 8	City Clerk, Worcester	An Act relative to the pension paid to Albert H. Beland by the city of Worcester [1925, 202]	June 3, 1925	–[1]	–
June 11	Assistant City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the city of Boston to incur indebtedness for the purpose of improving the ferry system between Boston and East Boston [1925, 278]	June 9, 1925	–[1]	–
June 18	City Clerk, Lynn	An Act authorizing the city of Lynn to acquire certain flats and tide lands in or adjacent to Lynn Harbor [1925, 121]	May 25, 1925	–[1]	–
July 17	Assistant City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the widening of Morton Street in the city of Boston from Morton Road to Canterbury Street and from Codman Street to Manchester Street, the extension of the last mentioned section of Morton Street to Washington Street and the widening of said last named street to its junction with River Street [1925, 325]	July 14, 1925	–[1]	–
July 28	City Clerk, Springfield	An Act establishing biennial municipal elections in the city of Springfield [1925, 210]	May 11, 1925	–[1]	–
Aug. 10	City Clerk, Somerville	An Act changing the date of the biennial municipal election in the city of Somerville [1924, 123]	June 13, 1924	–[11]	–
Oct. 8	City Clerk, Lynn	An Act changing the date of the biennial municipal election in the city of Lynn [1925, 45]	Mar. 30, 1925	–[1]	–
Oct. 24	City Clerk, Worcester	An Act authorizing the city of Worcester to grant to the trustees of the College of the Holy Cross certain rights in certain land and waters of said city [1925, 144]	Oct. 20, 1925	–[1]	–
Nov. 5	City Clerk, Worcester	An Act providing a two year term of office for the mayor of the city of Worcester [1924, 393]	Dec. 9, 1924	23,355	14,427
Dec. 10	City Clerk, Marlborough	An Act subjecting the office of chief of police of the city of Marlborough to the civil service laws [1925, 127]	Dec. 1, 1925	1,948	3,549
Dec. 23	City Clerk, Brockton	An Act to authorize the city of Brockton to accept in trust a conveyance of the Grand Army Building in that city [1925, 276]	Dec. 22, 1925	–[3]	–
Dec. 31	City Clerk, Somerville	An Act authorizing the establishment of a licensing commission in the city of Somerville [1923, 191]	May 29, 1923	–[11]	–

[1] Accepted by the city council.
[2] Accepted by the county commissioners of Middlesex County.
[3] Accepted by the mayor and city council.
[4] Accepted by the county commissioners of Hampden County.
[5] Accepted, affirmative and negative votes not returned.
[6] Accepted by the board of directors.
[7] Accepted by the county commissioners of Essex County.
[8] Accepted by the municipal council.
[9] Accepted by the mayor and city council of Boston.
[10] Accepted by the county commissioners of Plymouth County.
[11] Accepted by the board of aldermen.

Abstract of the Returns of the Sheriffs of the Several Counties of the Commonwealth for the Year ending September 30, 1925, in Compliance with Chapter 37, Section 23, of the General Laws

Counties	Amount of Money Received					Number of Days' Attendance			
	From County Treasurer	From All Other Sources	Total	For Fees in Civil Processes	For Fees in Criminal Processes	Upon the Court	Upon County Commissioners	Upon More than One Tribunal Simultaneously	Total
Barnstable	–	$1,501 00	$1,501 00	–	$1,501 00	30	–	–	30
Berkshire	$2,300 00	2,278 50	4,578 50	–	–	96	6	4	106
Bristol	4,000 00[1]	–	4,000 00	–	26,503 67	177	3	5	185
Dukes	513 30	270 00	783 30	$483 14	169 35	9	–	–	9
Essex	–	32,236 41	32,236 41	–	–	186	–	121	307
Franklin	1,590 24	863 00	2,453 24	–	–	40	–	–	40
Hampden	3,900 00[1]	10,819 30	14,719 30	–	–	191	9	88	288
Hampshire	–	2,630 00	2,630 00	–	–	75	3	–	78
Middlesex	4,600 00[1]	49,940 28	54,540 28	–	–	1,496	–	191	1,687
Nantucket	219 60	500 00	719 60	–[2]	–[2]	5	–	–	5
Norfolk	3,700 00	10,318 24	14,018 24	–	–	193	–	38	231
Plymouth	3,500 00	101 08[3]	3,601 08	16 50	–	70	46	17	133
Suffolk	4,000 00[4]	109,338 43[5]	113,338 43	–	–	3,158[6]	–	–	3,158
Worcester	4,100 00	48,816 60	52,916 60	–	–	230	–	540	770
Total	$32,423 14	$269,612 84	$302,035 98	$499 64	$28,174 02	5,956	67	1,004	7,027

[1] Salary.
[2] Allowed to retain fees by statute.
[3] Traveling expenses.
[4] Salary, $3,000.00 as sheriff; $1,000.00 as keeper of county jail.
[5] Fines, $107,009.67; board of poor debtors, $66.50; sale of old material, $230.46; confinement expenses, $100.00; collected on civil process at jail, $1,446.69; sale of gaming warrants, $78.11; board of United States prisoners, $158.50; contempt of court, $248.50.
[6] Superior Criminal Court, first session, 178; second session, 221; third session, 159; fourth session, 161; fifth session, 142; sixth and seventh sessions, 88. Civil Court first session, 167; second session, 172; third session, 167; fourth session, 170; fifth session, 174; sixth session, 177; seventh session, 171; eighth and ninth sessions, 54. Jury waived session, 158. Equity motion session, 304; merit session, 259. Divorce session, 52. Supreme Judicial Court, for the Commonwealth, 83; for the county, 101.

ABSTRACT AND TABULAR STATEMENT OF THE RETURNS RELATIVE TO THE LAW, EQUITY, DIVORCE AND CRIMINAL BUSINESS OF THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1925, IN COMPLIANCE WITH CHAPTER 221, SECTION 24 OF THE GENERAL LAWS AS AMENDED BY CHAPTER 131 OF THE ACTS OF 1924

(Naturalization Business not included)

Counties	Number Pending at Beginning of Year					Number Entered During Year				Number Actually Tried					Number Disposed of by Agreement of Parties or by Order of Court			
	Civil Cases				Criminal Cases	Civil Cases				Civil Cases				Criminal Cases	Civil Cases			
	Jury	Jury Waived	Equity	Divorce		Jury	Jury Waived	Equity	Divorce	Jury	Jury Waived	Equity	Divorce		Jury	Jury Waived	Equity	Divorce
Barnstable	107	47	27	22	41	79	35	8	1	17	4	–	6	7	49	24	5	2
Berkshire	265	126	126	45	85	169	53	32	3	12	11[2]	2	2	8	94	58	9	3
Bristol	1,392	379	414	209	783	734	211	121	1	152	35	47	6	60	541	198	8	5[4]
Dukes	12	9	2	7	1	11	19	5	3	–	–	–	2	2	1	12	–	–
Essex	3,529	524	648	307	1,118	1,934	376	261	13	155	41	29	19	277	1,151	352	345	5
Franklin	239	87	192	32	25	121	48	23	3	50	9	12	8	11	197	49	16	8
Hampden	2,421	817	708	394	671	1,095	437	212	392	134	31	5	261	34	960	397	300	12
Hampshire	199	93	91	37	91	119	64	16	7	39	8	–	2	62	101	44	9	1
Middlesex	5,694	1,229	1,835	487	947	3,126	741	386	92	476	76	16	89	643	2,440	652	1,435	5
Nantucket	4	6	2	–	1	2	9	3	–	–	2	–	–	–	–	3	–	–
Norfolk	1,198	304	372	120	566	681	164	86	10	61	9	21	21	90	397	150	17	1
Plymouth	837	274	406	175	681	408	152	27	68	35	6	–	12	113	230	149	38	57
Suffolk	15,441	3,287	5,397	1,177	932	7,803	2,231	1,615	306	1,695	209	391	274	1,272	7,311	1,948	870	13
Worcester	3,354	705	544	213	877	1,835	433	214	7	196	73	39	5	207	1,134	374	106	14
Total	34,692	7,887	10,764	3,225	6,819	18,117	4,973	3,009	906	3,022	514	562	707	2,786	14,606	4,410	3,158	126

Counties	Number remaining Untried at End of Year					Number wherein Verdict of Jury in Civil Cases has been set aside by Court on Ground it was Excessive	Criminal Cases				Number of Days during which Court has sat for Hearing				
	Civil Cases				Criminal Cases		Number of Indictments Returned	Number of Appealed Cases Entered	Number Disposed of without trial	Number wherein new trial has been Ordered	Civil Cases				Criminal Cases
	Jury	Jury Waived	Equity	Divorce							Jury	Jury Waived	Equity	Divorce	
Barnstable	120	54	30	15	60	–	35	51	64	–	–[1]	–	–	–	–
Berkshire	332	111	149	43	135	–	58	78	81	–	29	–[3]	–	–	29
Bristol	1,431	367	480	199	984	2	290	747	776	–	121	18	7	4	59
Dukes	19	16	7	5	–	–	3	4	5	–	–[5]	–	–	–	–[5]
Essex	4,224	508	558	273	1,355	–	436	1,326	1,248	–	265	40	15	–	211
Franklin	169	89	205	27	32	–	28	33	48	–	44	6	4	2	8
Hampden	2,556	826	615	570	747	–	102	276	268	–	189	32	19	22	57
Hampshire	181	107	98	39	57	–	49	72	94	–	25 1/10	8	½	2/5	59
Middlesex	6,380	1,318	786	473	1,038[6]	3	1,138	1,963	2,367	2	543	29	13	10	437
Nantucket	2	5	2	–	1	–	1	1	–	–	2	2	2	–	–
Norfolk	1,421	309	420	108	684	2	220	454	466	2	174	–	19[7]	–	74
Plymouth	980	271	395	174	600	–	180	472	620	–	50	17[8]	17[8]	17[8]	80
Suffolk	15,933	3,570	6,142	1,321	515	–	1,292	4,058	4,552	1	1,311	141	255	41	965
Worcester	3,859	691	613	201	222	1	357	1,430	2,235	–	235	42	17	3	169
Total	37,607	8,242	10,500	3,448	6,430	8	4,189	10,965	12,824	5	2,988 1/10	335	368½	99 2/5	2,148

[1] Unknown, owing to mixed sessions.
[2] Including 2 cases transferred from jury list.
[3] Jury waived and equity cases, 15; jury waived, equity and divorce cases, 2.
[4] Including 2 cases transferred to Probate Court.
[5] Number of days for civil and criminal cases reported as "two to three days."
[6] Indictments, 758; appealed cases, 280.
[7] Including jury waived and divorce cases.
[8] Concurrent.

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Office of the Secretary, January 5, 1927.

To the Honorable Senate and the House of Representatives:

I have the honor to submit, in compliance with General Laws, chapter 9, section 17. the annual report of the transactions of this office for the year ending November 30, 1926, the returns of the sheriffs of the several counties of money received by them, and of their attendance upon a court of record and the county commissioners; a report showing the aggregate vote, both affirmative and negative, on every act or part of an act which shall have been referred by the General Court for acceptance or rejection to the voters of the Commonwealth or of any part thereof, or to the city council of any city, during the calendar year 1926; and a record of the work of this Department in respect to public records under chapter 66 of the General Laws.

There is also presented, in compliance with General Laws, chapter 221, section 24, as amended by Acts of 1924, chapter 131, abstract and tabular statements of the returns of the clerks of the courts for the several counties and the clerks of the Superior Court for civil and for criminal business in Suffolk county; as to civil cases, the number of jury cases, of jury waived cases, of equity cases and of divorce cases pending at the beginning of each year in the Superior Court for their respective counties, the number of each of said four classes of cases entered during the year, the number of cases of each class actually tried during the year, the number of cases of each class disposed of during the year by agreement of the parties or by order of the court, the number of cases of each class remaining untried at the end of the year, the number of cases wherein the verdict of the jury has been set aside by the court on the ground that it was excessive and the number of days during which the court has sat in their respective counties for the hearing of each of said four classes of cases; and, as to criminal cases, the number of such cases pending at the beginning of each year in the Superior Court for their respective counties, the number of indictments returned during the year, the number of appealed criminal cases entered during the year, the number of such cases actually tried during the year, the number of cases disposed of without trial during the year, the number of such cases remaining untried at the end of the year, the number of such cases wherein a new trial has been ordered and the number of days during which the court has sat in their respective counties for the hearing of such cases.

Receipts and Expenditures

The following table shows, in detail, receipts from fees, etc., all of which were paid into the treasury daily, and quarterly reports thereof made to the Governor and Council, as required by General Laws, chapter 9, section 1: —

Commissions		$17,005 00
Corporation Certificates		489,147 60
Limited Partnerships		162 00
Labels, Trade-marks, etc.		5,075 00
Sale of Books		31,621 57
Certificates		1,587 50
Military Records		236 00
Copies:		
Corporations	$4,852 73	
Archives	6,388 75	11,241 50
Miscellaneous:		
Vital Statistics	$667 50	
Advance Sheets	502 00	
Miscellaneous	24 01	1,193 51
		$557,269 68

The total expenses for salaries and incidentals during the year were $118,308.09. It appears, therefore, that there was turned into the treasury of the Commonwealth $438,961.59 over the general office expenses.

Commissions

The number of commissions issued during the year ending November 30, 1926, was 3,735 (a decrease of 840 from the preceding year), of which 334 were without fee and 96 became void by reason of the failure of the appointees to take out the commissions or to qualify thereunder. The different classes were as follows:—

Notaries public	2,461
Justices of the peace	905
Special district police officers	21
Trustees, commissioners, etc.	125
Public warehousemen	49
Justices of the peace to solemnize marriages	15
Public administrators	6
Masters in chancery	12
Medical examiners	17
Clerks, municipal and district courts	14
Commissioners in other States	2
Justices and special justices, municipal and district courts	11
Associate medical examiners	16
Justices of the peace to issue warrants and take bail	10
Trial justices	2
Commissioners to qualify public officers	6
Associate justices, Superior Court	2
Ballot Law Commissioner	1
Board of Excise, City of Chelsea	1
Board of Police, City of Fall River	1
Finance Commissioner, City of Boston	2
Supervisors of Registration, Winthrop	8
Supervisors of Election, Revere	10
Supervisors of Election, Chelsea	30
Supervisors of Election, Braintree	2
Finance Commission, Lowell	3
Chairman, Necessaries of Life	1
District Attorney	1
Chairman, Licensing Board, Boston	1
	3,735

Certificates to the number of 7,366 were issued, of which 1,016 were for certificates for which no fees are charged.

Corporation Division (Rooms 335B, 337, 340A, 340B)

The total number of certificates of incorporation issued under General Laws to new corporations for the fiscal year ending November 30, 1926, was 2,688—a decrease of one as compared with the fiscal year ending November 30, 1925. They were classified as follows: —

Trading corporations (under General Laws, chapter 156, section 12)	2,303
Religious, charitable, social, educational, musical, athletic, etc., corporations (under General Laws, chapter 180, section 3)	230
Fraternal beneficiary corporations (under General Laws, chapter 176, section 9)	16
Churches (under General Laws, chapter 67, section 51)	21
Credit unions (under General Laws, chapter 171, section 3)	105
Co-operative bank (under General Laws, chapter 170, section 5)	1
Insurance companies (under General Laws, chapter 175, section 49)	8

Trust company (under General Laws, chapter 172, section 10)	1
Electric company (under General Laws, chapter 164, section 5)	1
Water company (under General Laws, chapter 158, section 9)	1
Safe deposit company (under General Laws, chapter 158, section 2)	1

The number of miscellaneous certificates filed and recorded was 19,375 — an increase of 467 as compared with the fiscal year ending November 30, 1925. Of these, 14,579 were certificates of condition of Massachusetts corporations (under General Laws, chapter 158, section 37 and chapter 156, section 47); 2,303 were articles of organization of trading corporations (under General Laws, chapter 156, section 12); 230 were certificates of religious, charitable, social and other organizations (under General Laws, chapter 180); 753 were certificates of issue of capital stock of trading corporations (under General Laws, chapter 156, sections 16 and 17), and the others were distributed among 26 different classes.

The number of miscellaneous certificates filed was 2,056, of which 1,944 were certificates of condition of foreign corporations (under General Laws, chapter 181, section 12), and the others were divided among 7 other classes.

There were issued 25 certificates of change of name of corporations (under General Laws, chapter 155, section 10, and chapter 180, section 11).

Returns were received of the dissolution of 33 corporations by the Supreme Judicial and Superior Courts.

Under the act relating to the incorporation of clubs, charters were refused in 24 cases, and 8 charters declared void.

Limited partnership certificates to the number of 18 were filed and recorded.

In the Corporation Division, 2,705 certified copies of records and certificates were supplied — a decrease of 587 as compared with the fiscal year ending November 30, 1925.

Labels, Trade-Marks, etc. (Room 337)

By General Laws, chapter 110, section 8, which relates to the adoption and registration of labels, trade-marks, stamps and forms of advertisement, the duty is placed upon the Secretary of the Commonwealth of receiving, filing and recording such labels, etc., and of issuing and recording certificates of record. Under this law, labels, trade-marks, stamps and forms of advertisement were received, and certificates of record issued and recorded, in 194 cases.

Under General Laws, chapter 110, section 8, which provides for the assignment of labels, trade-marks, stamps and forms of advertisement, 14 assignments were received, and certificates of registration issued and recorded.

Insignia of Societies and Labor Unions (Room 337)

General Laws, chapter 110, section 9, provides for the registration in this office of the insignia, ribbons, badges, rosettes, buttons and emblems of societies, associations and labor unions. Five registrations were received, which have been included with the number of labels above given, under General Laws, chapter 110, section 8.

Marks and Devices on Cans, etc. (Room 337)

By General Laws, chapter 110, section 17, which provides for the protection of owners of cans, bottles, boxes, siphons and fountains used in the sale of soda water, mineral and aerated waters, ale, beer, ginger ale or similar beverages, it is made the duty of the Secretary of the Commonwealth to receive and file descriptions of marks, devices, etc., and under this law one such description was received and filed. Under General Laws, chapter 110, section 21, as amended by chapter 37, Acts of 1924, protecting dealers and consumers against the unlawful use and destruction of milk and ice cream cans, jugs, bottles, jars, tubs or cabinets, 11 descriptions of marks, devices, etc., were received and filed.

Vital Statistics Division (Room 334)

Under the provisions of General Laws, chapter 46, section 17, returns of births and marriages from 355 cities and towns and births from the State Infirmary at Tewksbury, for the year 1925, which were received in 1926, cover 86,014 births, and 31,238 marriages, a decrease of 5,449 births and 842 marriages, as compared with the returns for 1924.

Under the provisions of the same law, 51,890 certified copies of records of deaths were received, covering the period from January 1, 1925, to December 31, 1925, an increase of 2,424 as compared with the returns of 1924.

Medical examiners' returns for 1925 cover 7,689 cases, an increase of 348 as compared with the returns for 1924.

Returns by clerks of courts and registers of probate of the decrees of divorce for 1925 number 3,887, a decrease of 407 as compared with the returns for 1924.

These figures are fully compiled and analyzed in the annual registration report for 1925 (Public Document No. 1), and available August 1, 1926.

During the year 2,309 certificates of birth, 774 certificates of marriage, and 627 certificates of death were issued, a total of 3,710. Fees received from these certificates amounted to $667.50.

4,733 abstracts of birth records for school, employment and pension purposes were issued without charge.

Naturalization Returns

Under the provisions of General Laws, chapter 220, section 19, returns were received of the naturalization of 1,599 persons before the superior courts of the Commonwealth during the year 1925, a decrease of 1,103 as compared with the returns for 1924. These returns were indexed and bound in convenient form for reference, as required by law.

Changes of Names of Persons

The returns of 1,263 names, changed in 1925 as decreed by the several probate courts, were received and filed in compliance with the requirements of General Laws, chapter 210, section 12.

Archives Division (Room 438)

The Chief of the Archives Division respectfully reports as follows:

The number of visitors during the year was 2,928; written inquiries: military service, 969; historical, legal and miscellaneous, 390; certificates of military service, 236; copies: of legislative records and manuscripts, typewritten, 85; of legislative records, manuscripts, maps, corporation records and other material, photostatic, 15,744; of soldiers' discharges, photostatic, 30; of world war diaries, etc., photostatic, 304; totalling 20,770 photostats; fees received: for military certificates, $236; typewritten copies, $81.40; photostatic copies, $6,071.35; totalling $6,388.75.

Reproduction of Archives

Proceeding as rapidly as can be expected with increasing demand for photostatic work.

Photostat

Constantly employed reproducing archives, maps, manuscripts, corporation records, etc.

World War Records

Diaries and other papers have been photostated for the History Commission. (Chap. 510, Acts of 1924.)

Rebinding of Archives

Owing to unsettled conditions, no volumes have been bound this year.

Further Protection of the Archives

The continued danger from fire in that portion of the State House in which the Archives (from 1625 to date) are located should be recognized and effective measures taken for further safeguarding the greatest collection (from a legal and historical standpoint) in America. With the lessons of New York and West Virginia before us (in which the Archives and State Library were practically destroyed), a collection which cannot be replaced and commercially is worth at least a million dollars should be guarded carefully.

House Journals, 1715–1780

Vol. VII, 1726–1727, reprinted by the Massachusetts Historical Society, has been purchased, and distributed by the Document Division. (Chap. 413, Acts of 1920, and Chap. 164, Acts of 1922.)

Vital Records to 1850

Dana, compiled by Thomas W. Baldwin; Lawrence, Roxbury (marriages and deaths) and Groton, compiled by Essex Institute; and Nantucket (births, G–Z), compiled by the New England Historic Genealogical Society, have been purchased, and distributed by the Document Division. (Chap. 562, Acts of 1920, and Chap. 199, Acts of 1922.)

Public Document Division (Room 118)

During the year 1926 the following publications were received for distribution through the Public Document Division: 64,766 volumes of the Public Document Series, representing 77 reports of the several state departments, boards and commissions; 10,000 copies of the pamphlet edition of the session laws; 11,000 copies of the bound edition of the session laws, commonly called the Blue Book; 750 copies each of the Senate and House Journals, total, 1,500 copies; 454 copies each of the Massachusetts Reports, Nos. 251, 252, and 253, total, 1,362 copies; 750 copies of the Sixtieth Annual Encampment, Department of Massachusetts, G. A. R., 1926; 900 copies of the Proceedings of the Twenty-fifth Annual Encampment, Department of Massachusetts, U. S. W. V., 1924; 2,800 copies of the Annual Proceedings and History of the American Legion, Department of Massachusetts, 1925; 600 copies of the Annual Proceedings of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Massachusetts, 1925; 350 copies each of Roxbury Marriages and Deaths, Vol. 2 of Nantucket Births, Vol. 1 of Groton Births, Dana, and Lawrence Vital Records, total, 1,750 copies; 300 copies of the Journals of the House of Representatives, Vol. 7, 1726–27; 10,000 copies of the Manual for the Instruction of Applicants for the Police Service of Cities and Towns in Massachusetts; 5,000 copies of the Manual of Fire Department Equipment and Practice; 1,500 copies Extracts from the General Laws Relating to Highways, Waterways and Public Lands, Motor Vehicles and Aircraft, the Powers and Duties of the Department of Public Works, January, 1926; 5,000 copies of the Decennial Census, 1925; 4,000 copies of the General Laws Relating to Taxation, January, 1926; 1,800 copies of the Statutes Relating to Savings Banks, January, 1926; 900 copies of the Statutes Relating to Trust Companies, January, 1926; 900 copies of the Statutes Relating to Co-operative Banks, January, 1926; 600 copies of the Statutes Relating to Credit Unions, January, 1926; 500 copies of the Executive Council report on the return of votes for State Officers, 1926; 35 copies of the 1925 report of the Finance Commission for the City of Boston, which copies were received from the above commission; — making a grand total of 125,963 volumes that have passed through this Division during the year.

Division of Public Records (Room 252)

Inspections

Inspections of the care, custody, condition and protection against fires of public records of departments and offices of counties, cities and towns, have been made during the year 1926 in the following 166 places: Acton, Alford, Andover, Arlington, Ashburnham, Ashby, Ashfield, Attleboro, Avon, Ayer,

Barre, Bedford, Belchertown, Bellingham, Belmont, Berkley, Berlin, Bernardston, Blackstone, Blandford, Bolton, Braintree, Brookline, Buckland, Canton, Carver, Charlemont, Chelsea, Chester, Chesterfield, Cohasset, Colrain, Cummington, Dalton, Dana, Dedham, Deerfield, Dighton, Dunstable, East Brookfield, Easthampton, Egremont, Enfield, Erving, Everett, Fitchburg, Florida, Foxborough, Franklin, Freetown, Gardner, Goshen, Granville, Great Barrington, Greenwich, Groton, Halifax, Hanson, Hatfield, Haverhill, Heath, Hingham, Hinsdale, Holbrook, Holden, Hubbardston, Hudson, Hull, Huntington, Kingston, Lakeville, Lancaster, Lanesborough, Lawrence, Lenox, Leominster, Leverett, Leyden, Lincoln, Lunenburg, Lynn, Malden, Maynard, Medford, Melrose, Methuen, Middleborough, Middlefield, Millville, Milton, Monroe, Monson, Monterey, Montgomery, Mount Washington, New Ashford, New Braintree, New Marlborough, New Salem, Newburyport, North Andover, North Attleborough, Northfield, Norwood, Orange, Palmer, Pembroke, Pepperell, Peru, Petersham, Phillipston, Plainfield, Plainville, Plympton, Princeton, Quincy, Randolph, Raynham, Rehoboth, Revere, Richmond, Rowe, Royalston, Russell, Sandisfield, Savoy, Scituate, Seekonk, Sharon, Sheffield, Shelburne, Shirley, Shutesbury, Somerset, South Hadley, Spencer, Sterling, Stockbridge, Stoughton, Stow, Sudbury, Swansea, Taunton, Templeton, Tolland, Townsend, Tyringham, Wakefield, Walpole, Warwick, Wayland, Wendell, West Stockbridge, Westford, Westminster, Weston, Westwood, Weymouth, Williamsburg, Williamstown, Winchendon, Winchester, Winthrop, Woburn, Worthington, Wrentham. As a result of inspections and recommendations by the Supervisor, under the provisions of the General Laws, chapter 66, section 1, again it is pleasing to report an improvement in the care and protection of public records. During the year about thirty vaults and ten safes have been approved by this office.

Fires

An early morning fire, December 16, 1925, damaged the City Hall at Woburn. Fire, which broke out in the basement, destroyed ballot boxes, reports, miscellaneous vouchers and papers that were stored in the basement. No records were lost.

On January 22, 1926, fire destroyed the entire building in which the District Court for Western Worcester County at East Brookfield was located. Three safes which contained records of the court and the Probation office preserved their contents intact.

On January 26, 1926, an early morning fire totally destroyed the Town Hall at Spencer. The vault and safes preserved their contents intact. All law books and Massachusetts reports on shelves in the Selectmen's office were lost.

March 9, 1926, the Bedford Town Hall was slightly damaged by fire. No records were lost.

City Hall

The new City Hall at Waltham is completed and occupied.

Town Halls

The Town of Framingham is erecting a Municipal Memorial Building. A new office building is being erected for Barnstable town offices, at Hyannis. The town of Webster is erecting a new municipal building. The new office building at North Andover is completed and the departments have moved into it. The town hall at Winchendon, damaged by fire last year, has been remodeled. Plans are being prepared for a new town hall at Pembroke. The town of Dennis is making improvements in the town office building, and constructing a new vault.

District Courts

The District Court Building at East Boston has been enlarged. The District Court of Western Worcester County at East Brookfield has moved into its new quarters. The new court house at Brighton is nearly ready for occupancy.

Repairing and Binding

Records have been repaired and rebound during the year for the City of Salem, towns of Easton, Mansfield and Somerset, for the registeries of Deeds and Probate for the County of Bristol, at Taunton, and registeries of Deeds at Cambridge, Plymouth and Springfield; maps and plans repairing and mounting for towns of Plymouth, Somerset, Wareham and West Bridgewater, registeries of Deeds for the counties of Hampden at Springfield, Hampshire at Northampton, Middlesex at Lowell, Plymouth at Plymouth.

Typewriter Ribbons and Stamping Pads

No additional typewriter ribbons or stamping pads have been approved during the year.

Census Division

The results of the 1925 Census of Population and Legal Voters taken as of March 31, 1925, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 453 of the Acts of 1924, was published in pamphlet form early in 1926 and is now available for distribution.

A tabulation of the population of Boston by Assessors' Blocks was compiled by the Boston City Planning Board, working in conjunction with this division, from the official records of the 1925 census. A copy of this tabulation is on file in this office and is available to those who wish to consult it. Statistical tables showing the 1925 population by Congressional Districts and the legal voters and the population of 1925 by Councillor, Senatorial and Representative Districts, as established by General Laws, Chapter 57, as amended by Acts of 1926, Chapter 372, were prepared for publication in the Manual for the General Court.

Legislative Counsel and Agents' Expenses

In compliance with the provisions of General Laws, chapter 3, sections 39 to 50 inclusive, relating to legislative counsel and agents' expenses incurred or paid in connection with promoting or opposing legislation during the last session of the General Court, there were 240 entries made in the dockets, a decrease of 13 as compared with 1925.

Returns covering 238 of these entries were received in this office from persons, corporations and associations. Of these returns 30 appeared to be irregular or defective, 14 were received after the expiration of the thirty-day period following the prorogation of the General Court, May 29, one was received from an employer of legislative counsel or agent whose name had not been previously registered in the docket, and 2 failed to file returns. These were, therefore, transmitted to the Attorney General as required by law.

The total amount reported as paid to legislative counsel and agents was $98,332.25; in addition to this, $4,206.92 represented annual salaries or retainers apportioned and $42,800 unapportioned. Twenty-two persons, corporations and associations stated that they paid nothing.

Proclamations

The proclamations of His Excellency the Governor for the observance of Lincoln Day, Arbor and Bird Day, Flag Day and Thanksgiving Day were printed and distributed under the direction of this office.

Of the Lincoln Day proclamations 11,000 copies were given public distribution to churches, schools, institutions, patriotic societies, postmasters and city and town clerks. Of the Arbor and Bird Day and Forest Protection Week 12,000 copies were mailed to churches, schools, granges, agricultural societies, institutions, postmasters and city and town clerks. Flag Day proclamations to the number of 11,000 were mailed to churches, schools, postmasters, patriotic societies, institutions and city and town clerks; and 9,500 Thanksgiving proclamations were sent to churches, schools, postmasters and city and town clerks.

In addition to the above, proclamations were printed and distributed as follows: For the observance of Spanish War Memorial Day and Maine Memorial Day, February 15, 1926, 1,000 copies were printed for the American Legion. To commemorate the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the Boston Massacre (March 5, 1926) 500 copies were printed and distributed. For the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of Evacuation Day (March 9, 1926) 11,000 proclamations were printed and sent to churches, schools, patriotic societies, postmasters, institutions and city and town clerks. For the establishment of the Department of Female Delinquents at the State Farm there were distributed August 4, 1926, 1,000 printed proclamations to city and town clerks, justices and clerks of the Supreme Judicial and Superior Courts and to the judges, clerks and associate judges of the District and Municipal Courts. To designate the observance of Monday, September 27, 1926, as Massachusetts Day at the Sesqui-Centennial Exhibition at Philadelphia, Pa., 2,250 printed copies of a proclamation were distributed. Fire Prevention Week was designated to include October 3 to 9, and 6,000 copies of the Governor's proclamation were distributed to the fire chiefs of the Commonwealth for churches, schools and post-offices. For the observance of Armistice Day, November 11, 1926, 10,600 proclamations were distributed to schools, churches, institutions, patriotic societies, postmasters and city and town clerks.

Proclamations were also issued by the Governor to the press in observance of "Be Kind to Animals Week", April 12 to 17, 1926. Proclamations relating to the adoption by the people November 2, 1926 of Article of Amendment to the Constitution No. LXX were issued by Lieutenant Governor, Acting Governor, Frank G. Allen to the number of 500 and distribution was made to justices of the Supreme Judicial Court, judges of the Superior Court and city and town clerks.

Respites, Requisitions, Etc.

The number of respites and extensions thereof from death sentence made out and issued during the year was 9; requisitions upon other States, 259; upon the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court at Washington, D. C., 3; extradition request upon foreign country, 1; and warrants issued upon requisitions from other states, 51.

Rules and Regulations of State Departments

By chapter 30, section 37, General Laws, certain rules and regulations of departments, commissions, boards or officials vested by law with the power to make and issue rules and regulations general in scope, and to be observed or performed under penalty for the violation thereof, shall not take effect until attested copies thereof have been filed with the Secretary of the Commonwealth. Under this law rules and regulations were filed by the following departments during the year 1926: Department of Civil Service and Registration; Department of Conservation; Department of Labor and Industries; Department of Public Safety; Department of Public Utilities; Department of Public Works.

Miscellaneous

The two reports from this office which form a part of the Public Document series, namely, Returns of Births, Marriages, Divorces, and Deaths (Public Document No. 1) and Returns of Assessed Polls, Registered Voters and Persons who voted, etc. (Public Document No. 43) have been made, as required by law.

FREDERIC W. COOK,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Returns from Cities and Towns relative to Action taken under Certain Provisions of the General Laws

When Received	City or Town	Subject and Reference	Action	Date of Action
1926				
Feb. 10	Clerk, Worcester County Commissioners	Retirement on pension of Spanish and World War veterans, 1920, 574 (G. L. 32, §§ 56–59)	Accepted	Jan. 26, 1926
Feb. 13	New Bedford	Voting precincts, G. L. 54, § 10	Accepted	Feb. 11, 1926
Feb. 17	Norwell	Amateur athletic outdoor sports or games permitted on Lord's Day, G. L. 136, §§ 21–28	Accepted	Mar. 3, 1924
Mar. 8	Hudson	Inspection of buildings, G. L. 143, §§ 3–11	Accepted	Mar. 1, 1926
Mar. 8	Rochester	Nomination of candidates, G. L. 53, § 6	Accepted	Mar. 1, 1926
Mar. 16	Bridgewater	Municipal buildings insurance fund, G. L. 40, § 13	Accepted	Mar. 6, 1926
Mar. 16	Bridgewater	Workmen's compensation fund, 1923, 234 (G. L. 40, § 13A)	Accepted	Mar. 6, 1926
Mar. 18	Medford	Pensions for janitors, G. L. 32, § 44	Accepted	Mar. 17, 1926
Mar. 18	Needham	Police department established, G. L. 41, § 97	Accepted	Mar. 15, 1926
Mar. 18	Needham	Board of Health, G. L. 41, § 1	Accepted	Mar. 15, 1926
Mar. 22	Framingham	Sewers and pipes in unaccepted ways, G. L. 82, § 25	Accepted	Mar. 12, 1926
Mar. 24	North Andover	Police department established, G. L. 41, § 97	Accepted	Mar. 13, 1926
Mar. 24	North Andover	Licenses for slaughter houses, 1924, 496, § 2 (G. L. 94, § 120A)	Accepted	Mar. 13, 1926
Mar. 29	Norwood	Establishment of fire department, G. L. 48, §§ 42–48	Accepted	Mar. 24, 1926
Mar. 30	Danvers	Voting precincts in towns, G. L. 54, § 6	Accepted	Mar. 27. 1926
May 6	Andover	Planning board, G. L. 41, §§ 70–72	Accepted	Mar. 8, 1926
June 1	Dracut	Board of survey, G. L. 41, § 73	Accepted	May 25, 1926
June 1	Dracut	Inspection of buildings, G. L. 143, §§ 3–12	Accepted	May 25, 1926
June 24	Wilbraham	Establishment of precincts, G. L. 54, § 10	Accepted	Feb. 4, 1924
July 9	Swansea	Voting precincts in towns, G. L. 54, § 6	Accepted	June 18, 1926
July 23	Raynham	Voting precincts in towns, G. L. 54, § 6	Accepted	June 15, 1926
July 24	Cambridge	Pensions for policemen and firemen, G. L. 32, § 88	Accepted	July 22, 1926
July 30	Lowell	Prevention of fires, G. L. 148, § 6	Accepted	July 29, 1926
Aug. 12	Auburn	Licenses for slaughter houses, 1924, 496, § 2 (G. L. 94, § 120A)	Accepted	July 12, 1926
Sept. 23	Asst. Clerk, Middlesex County Commissioners	Retirement and pension of veterans, G. L. 32, §§ 56–59	Accepted	Sept. 7, 1926
Nov. 4	Stoneham	Two-platoon system in fire department, G. L. 48, § 59	Accepted	Nov. 2, 1926
Nov. 19	Worcester	Name of Overseers of the Poor changed to Board of Public Welfare, 1923, 26 (G. L. 41, § 34A)	Accepted	Nov. 17, 1926
Dec. 3	Shrewsbury	Disposition of burned or dangerous buildings, G. L. 139, §§ 1–3	Accepted	Dec. 1, 1926
Dec. 17	Beverly	Retirement Systems for Cities, G. L. 32, §§ 26–31	Accepted	Dec. 14, 1926
Dec. 21	North Adams	Building lines, G. L. 82, § 37 (1925, 130)	Accepted	Dec. 17, 1926
Dec. 24	Taunton	Name of Overseers of the Poor changed to Board of Public Welfare, 1923, 26 (G. L. 41, § 34A)	Accepted	Dec. 22, 1926
Dec. 30	Auburn	Precinct voting, G. L. 39, § 20	Accepted	Nov. 29, 1926

Returns relative to the Acceptance or Rejection of Certain Special Acts passed by the General Court and referred to the Voters, to the City Council of a City, to the Selectmen of a Town, or the county Commissioners of a County

When received	From whom received	Title of Act	Date of Action	Vote	
				Yes	No
1926 Jan. 27	Town Clerk, Hull	An Act providing for the construction of a breakwater or sea wall at Point Allerton in the town of Hull [1925, 315]	July 17, 1925	–[1]	–
Jan. 27	Town Clerk, Nantucket	An Act to authorize the town of Nantucket to supply the district called Siasconset with water [1925, 307]	July 13, 1925	118	54
Jan. 27	Town Clerk, Millville	An Act to authorize the town of Millville to supply itself and its inhabitants with water [1925, 261]	July 21, 1925	53	77
Jan. 28	City Clerk, Chicopee	An Act relative to the term of office of the city collector of the city of Chicopee [1925, 44]	July 6, 1925	–[2]	–
Jan. 28	City Clerk, Fall River	An Act to provide for the refunding by the city of Fall River of certain overpayments of taxes assessed in the years 1921, 1922 and 1923 [1925, 316]	May 21, 1925	–[2]	–
Jan. 28	City Clerk, Lawrence	An Act relative to the salaries of the mayor and other members of the city council of Lawrence [1925, 207]	Dec. 8, 1925	8,248	9,170
Jan. 28	City Clerk, Medford	An Act authorizing the city of Medford to pension Winslow Joyce [1925, 6]	Apr. 4, 1925	–[2]	–
Jan. 28	City Clerk, Gloucester	An Act authorizing the city of Gloucester to construct and operate a system of sewerage and sewage disposal and to borrow outside the statutory limit of indebtedness therefor [1925, 224]	Dec. 30, 1925	–[3]	–
Jan. 28	City Clerk, Brockton	An Act placing the office of city marshal of the city of Brockton under the civil service laws [1925, 181]	Dec. 8, 1925	3,523	15,815
Jan. 29	Clerk, Sterling Water District	An Act establishing the Sterling Water District in the town of Sterling [1925, 75]	Mar. 28, 1925	124	59
Jan. 29	City Clerk, Gloucester	An Act relative to expenditures by the city of Gloucester for municipal advertising purposes [1925, 14]	Apr. 8, 1925	–[3]	–
Jan. 29	Clerk, Worcester County Commissioners.	An Act permitting certain employees of the county of Worcester to become members of the retirement system of said county and establishing their rights as such members [1925, 235]	June 19, 1925	–[4]	–
Jan. 29	City Clerk, Malden	An Act authorizing the city of Malden to pension Thomas Fogarty [1925, 59]	Mar. 12, 1925	–[5]	–
Jan. 30	City Clerk, Chelsea	An Act authorizing the city of Chelsea to pay an annuity to Cecilia A. McKenzie [1925, 109]	Apr. 6, 1925	–[2]	–
Jan. 30	City Clerk, Salem	An Act authorizing the city of Salem to pension Charles H. Danforth [1925, 133]	Mar. 26, 1925	–[5]	–
Jan. 30	City Clerk, Melrose	An Act authorizing the city of Melrose to pension William R. Lavender [1925, 4]	Dec. 3, 1925	–[2]	–
Jan. 30	City Clerk, Melrose	An Act authorizing the city of Melrose to pension John J. McCullough [1925, 205]	Dec. 23, 1925	–[2]	–
Feb. 1	Clerk, Baldwinville Water District	An Act establishing the Baldwinville Water District in the town of Templeton and authorizing it to take sources of water supply in the towns of Templeton and Winchendon [1925, 60]	Mar. 20, 1925	129	5
Feb. 4	Clerk, Dukes County Commissioners.	An Act to establish the salary of the sheriff of Dukes County [1925, 131]	Apr. 15, 1925	–[6]	–
Feb. 9	Clerk, Bristol County Commissioners.	An Act authorizing the county of Bristol to pension Frank St. John [1925, 23]	Mar. 10, 1925	–[7]	–
Feb. 9	Clerk, Bristol County Commissioners.	An Act authorizing the county of Bristol to pension Annie M. Macdonald [1925, 27]	Feb. 24, 1925	–[7]	–
Feb. 9	Clerk, Bristol County Commissioners.	An Act authorizing the county of Bristol to borrow money for the purpose of providing additional land and buildings for the Bristol County Tuberculosis Hospital at Attleboro [1925, 268]	May 5, 1925	–[7]	–

Feb. 13	Secretary, East Foxborough Water Supply District.	An Act to authorize the Foxborough Water Supply District to annex the East Foxborough Water Supply District [1925, 311]	Feb. 8, 1926	–[1]	–
Feb. 28	City Clerk, Salem	An Act placing the office of chief of the fire department of the city of Salem under the civil service laws [1924, 245]	Dec. 2, 1924	4,976	2,285
Mar. 3	Town Clerk, Wakefield	An Act providing for precinct voting, representative town meetings, town meeting members, a referendum and an annual moderator in the town of Wakefield [1926, 36]	Mar. 1, 1926	1,283	1,443
Mar. 4	Town Clerk, Watertown	An Act placing the office of inspector of buildings of the town of Watertown under the civil service laws [1926, 2]	Mar. 1, 1926	1,673	598
Mar. 10	Town Clerk, Needham	An Act placing the chief of police and members of the police department of the town of Needham under the civil service [1924, 39]	Mar. 8, 1926	976	947
April 2	City Clerk, Worcester	An Act authorizing the city of Worcester to pay a sum of money to the estate of Robert Curry [1926, 24]	Mar. 29, 1926	–[5]	–
April 10	City Clerk, Melrose	An Act relative to the police department and the memorial building department in the city of Melrose [1926, 78]	Apr. 7, 1926	–[2]	–
April 12	City Clerk, Chicopee	An Act placing the inspector of buildings of the city of Chicopee under the civil service laws [1926, 91]	Apr. 10, 1926	–[2]	–
April 24	Clerk, Boston Consolidated Gas Company.	An Act repealing a certain act regulating the price of gas in the city of Boston and certain neighboring municipalities [1926, 186]	Apr. 23, 1926	–[8]	–
April 26	City Clerk, Woburn	An Act relative to the tenure of office of the clerk of committees of the city of Woburn [1926, 61]	Apr. 4, 1926	–[5]	–
May 5	City Clerk, Everett	An Act relative to the tenure of office of the city clerk and assistant city clerk of the city of Everett [1926, 8]	Feb. 19, 1926	–[5]	–
May 13	Assistant City Clerk, Boston	An Act to regulate appropriations for certain school purposes in the city of Boston [1926, 153]	May 11, 1926	–[5]	–
May 15	Assistant Clerk, Middlesex County Commissioners.	An Act to enable the county commissioners of the county of Middlesex to make improvements at the heating, light and power plant at the House of Correction at Cambridge [1926, 331]	May 14, 1926	–[9]	–
June 1	Assistant City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the city of Boston to borrow money for the purpose of constructing a pumping station and outlet for sewage disposal in East Boston [1926, 259]	May 24, 1926	–[5]	–
June 1	Assistant City Clerk, Boston	An Act relative to the reconstruction by the city of Boston of River Street in the Hyde Park and Mattapan Districts and the rebuilding of a bridge over a railroad location [1926, 260]	May 24, 1926	–[5]	–
June 1	Assistant City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the city of Boston to borrow money for the widening of Oakland and Ashland Streets [1926, 220]	May 25, 1926	–[5]	–
June 26	Clerk, Hampden County Commissioners.	An Act authorizing the appointment of a second assistant register of deeds in the county of Hampden [1926, 98]	June 22, 1926	–[10]	–
July 15	Assistant City Clerk, Boston	An Act providing for the further improvement of the aircraft landing field in East Boston [1926, 385]	July 13, 1926	–[5]	–
July 15	Clerk, Hampden County Commissioners.	An Act providing for clerical assistance for the trial justice in the town of Ludlow [1926, 288]	July 14, 1926	–[10]	–
Aug. 27	Town Clerk, Belmont	An Act providing for precinct voting, representative town meetings, town meeting members, a referendum and a moderator to serve for a year in the town of Belmont [1926, 302]	June 8, 1926	1,645	692
Oct. 28	Assistant City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the city of Boston to borrow money for the construction of a new Congress Street bridge [1926, 157]	Oct. 26, 1926	–[5]	–
Oct. 30	Clerk, Board of Selectmen, Webster.	An Act to enable the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company to acquire and hold the securities and properties of the New England Investment and Security Company, of the Springfield Railway Companies, of the Springfield Street Railway Company and of the Worcester Consolidated Street Railway Company [1926, 371]	Oct. 27, 1926	–[11]	–
Nov. 5	Town Clerk, Dedham	An Act providing for precinct voting, representative town meetings, town meeting members, a referendum and a moderator to serve for a year in the town of Dedham [1926, 358]	Nov. 2, 1926	1,982	495
Nov. 10	City Clerk, Worcester	An Act to provide for biennial municipal elections in the city of Worcester and to fix the date of such elections [1926, 282]	Nov. 2, 1926	20,994	8,336
Nov. 10	City Clerk, Taunton	An Act relative to the municipal council of the city of Taunton [1926, 121]	Nov. 2, 1926	2,687	3,136

RETURNS RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF CERTAIN SPECIAL ACTS PASSED BY THE GENERAL COURT AND REFERRED TO THE VOTERS, TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF A CITY, TO THE SELECTMEN OF A TOWN, OR THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF A COUNTY—*Concluded*

When received	From whom received	TITLE OF ACT	Date of Action	VOTE	
				Yes	No
1926					
Nov. 10	City Clerk, Quincy	An Act relative to preliminary elections for the nomination of candidates for elective municipal office in the city of Quincy [1926, 17]	Nov. 2, 1926	6,148	4,917
Nov. 10	City Clerk, Marlborough	An Act subjecting the offices of the chief engineer and assistant engineers of the fire department of the city of Marlborough to the civil service laws [1926, 145]	Nov. 2, 1926	1,618	2,238
Nov. 12	City Clerk, Waltham	An Act providing for biennial municipal elections in the city of Waltham [1926, 63]	Nov. 2, 1926	3,848	3,628
Nov. 15	City Clerk, Woburn	An Act providing for biennial municipal elections in the city of Woburn [1926, 62]	Nov. 2, 1926	1,133	3,053
Nov. 20	Clerk, Board of Selectmen, Blackstone.	An Act to enable the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company to acquire and hold the securities and properties of the New England Investment and Security Company, of the Springfield Railway Companies, of the Springfield Street Railway Company and of the Worcester Consolidated Street Railway Company [1926, 371]	Nov. 15, 1926	–[11]	–
Nov. 30	Clerk, Board of Selectmen, Brimfield.	Same act as above [1926, 371]	Nov. 1, 1926	–[11]	–
Nov. 30	Chairman, Board of Selectmen, Ludlow.	Same act as above [1926, 371]	Nov. 1, 1926	–[11]	–
Nov. 30	Acting Clerk, Board of Selectmen, Palmer.	Same act as above [1926, 371]	Nov. 3, 1926	–[11]	–
Nov. 30	Clerk, Board of Selectmen, Shrewsbury.	Same act as above [1926, 371]	Nov. 1, 1926	–[11]	–
Nov. 30	Clerk, Board of Selectmen, Southbridge.	Same act as above [1926, 371]	Nov. 1, 1926	–[11]	–
Nov. 30	Clerk, Board of Selectmen, Sterling.	Same act as above [1926, 371]	Nov. 1, 1926	–[11]	–
Nov. 30	Clerk, Board of Selectmen, Uxbridge.	Same act as above [1926, 371]	Nov. 2, 1926	–[11]	–
Nov. 30	Clerk, Board of Selectmen, Ware	Same act as above [1926, 371]	Nov. 2, 1926	–[11]	–
Nov. 30	Clerk, Board of Selectmen, West Boylston.	Same act as above [1926, 371]	Nov. 1, 1926	–[11]	–
Nov. 30	Clerk, Board of Selectmen, Wilbraham.	Same act as above [1926, 371]	Nov. 2, 1926	–[11]	–
Dec. 1	Clerk, Board of Selectmen, Berlin	Same act as above [1926, 371]	Nov. 5, 1926	–[11]	–
Dec. 1	Clerk, Board of Selectmen, Boylston	Same act as above [1926, 371]	Nov. 6, 1926	–[11]	–
Dec. 1	Clerk, Board of Selectmen, Charlton.	Same act as above [1926, 371]	Nov. 5, 1926	–[11]	–
Dec. 1	Clerk, Board of Selectmen, Lancaster.	Same act as above [1926, 371]	Nov. 6, 1926	–[11]	–
Dec. 1	Clerk, Board of Selectmen, Leicester.	Same act as above [1926, 371]	Nov. 4, 1926	–[11]	–

Dec.	1	Clerk, Board of Selectmen, Millbury.	Same act as above [1926, 371]	Nov. 3, 1926	–[11]	–
Dec.	1	Clerk, Board of Selectmen, Monson.	Same act as above [1926, 371]	Nov. 4, 1926	–[11]	–
Dec.	1	Clerk, Board of Selectmen, Northborough.	Same act as above [1926, 371]	Nov. 5, 1926	–[11]	–
Dec.	1	Clerk, Board of Selectmen, Sutton.	Same act as above [1926, 371]	Nov. 4, 1926	–[11]	–
Dec.	1	Clerk, Board of Selectmen, West Springfield.	Same act as above [1926, 371]	Nov. 6, 1926	–[11]	–
Dec.	1	Clerk, Board of Selectmen, Westborough.	Same act as above [1926, 371]	Nov. 6, 1926	–[11]	–
Dec.	8	Clerk, Board of Selectmen, Spencer	Same act as above [1926, 371]	Nov. 11, 1926	–[11]	–
Dec.	8	Clerk, Board of Selectmen, Sturbridge	Same act as above [1926, 371]	Nov. 10, 1926	–[11]	–
Dec.	8	Clerk, Board of Selectmen, Holden	Same act as above [1926, 371]	Nov. 8, 1926	–[11]	–
Dec.	8	City Clerk, Fitchburg	Same act as above [1926, 371]	Nov. 9, 1926	–[5]	–
Dec.	24	Assistant City Clerk, Worcester	Same act as above [1926, 371]	Dec. 21, 1926	–[5]	–
Dec.	24	City Clerk, Marlborough	Same act as above [1926, 371]	Dec. 20, 1926	–[5]	–

[1] Adopted by unanimous vote
[2] Accepted by the board of aldermen.
[3] Accepted by the municipal council.
[4] Accepted by the county commissioners of Worcester County.
[5] Accepted by the city council.
[6] Accepted by the county commissioners of Dukes County.
[7] Accepted by the county commissioners of Bristol County.
[8] Accepted by the board of directors.
[9] Accepted by the county commissioners of Middlesex County.
[10] Accepted by the county commissioners of Hampden County.
[11] Accepted by the board of selectmen.

Abstract of the Returns of the Sheriffs of the Several Counties of the Commonwealth for the Year ending September 30, 1926, in Compliance with General Laws, Chapter 37, Section 23

Counties	Amount of Money Received					Number of Days' Attendance			
	From County Treasurer	From All Other Sources	Total	For Fees in Civil Processes	For Fees in Criminal Processes	Upon the Court	Upon County Commissioners	Upon More than One Tribunal Simultaneously	Total
Barnstable	–	$885 00	$885 00	–	$885 00	19	3	–	22
Berkshire	$2,300 00	650 00	2,950 00	–	–	88	6	2	96
Bristol	–	–	–	–	19,994 71	207	3	5	215
Dukes	555 89	25 00	580 89	$391 00	38 20	5	–	–	5
Essex	–	17,515 27	17,515 27	–	–	220	–	145	365
Franklin	1,586 79	3,057 00	4,643 79	–	–	40	–	–	40
Hampden	3,900 00	12,419 50	16,319 50	–	–	204	10	120	334
Hampshire	–	3,595 00	3,595 00	–	–	99	2	–	101
Middlesex	4,600 00	46,141 30	50,741 30	–	–	1,494	–	196	1,690
Nantucket	639 25[1]	–	639 25	–[2]	–[2]	4	–	–	4
Norfolk	4,200 00	13,335 00	17,535 00	–	13,335 00	200	–	56	256
Plymouth	3,500 00	453 09[3]	3,953 09	–	–	122	40	17	179
Suffolk	4,000 00[4]	100,606 76[5]	104,606 76	–	–	3,323[6]	–	–	3,323
Worcester	4,100 00	43,436 49	47,536 49	–	–	234	–	557	791
Total	$29,381 93	$242,119 41	$271,501 34	$391 00	$34,252 91	6,259	64	1,098	7,421

[1] Salary, $500.00; Superior Court expenses, $139.25.
[2] Allowed to retain fees by statute.
[3] Traveling expenses.
[4] Salary, $3,000.00 as sheriff; $1,000.00 as keeper of county jail.
[5] Fines, $97,619.84; board of poor debtors, $109.50; sale of old material, $252.57; collected on civ ilprocess at jail, $1,474.38; board of United States prisoners, $218.50; sale of gaming warrants, $36.81; contempt of court, $895.16.
[6] Superior Criminal Court, first session, 185; second session, 216; third session, 152; fourth session, 149; fifth session, 130; sixth session, 72; seventh session, 3. Civil Court, first session, 171; second session, 176; third session, 172; fourth session, 174; fifth session, 168; sixth session, 214; seventh session, 198; eighth and ninth sessions, 89; tenth and eleventh sessions, 105. Jury waived session, 148. Divorce session, 31. Equity motion session, 304; merit session, 279. Supreme Judicial Court, for the Commonwealth, 88; for the county, 99.

Abstract and Tabular Statement of the Returns relative to the Law, Equity, Divorce and Criminal Business of the Superior Court for the Year ending June 30, 1926, in Compliance with General Laws, Chapter 221, Section 24 as amended by Chapter 131 of the Acts of 1924

(Naturalization Business not included)

Counties	Number Pending at Beginning of Year					Number Entered During Year				Number Actually Tried					Number Disposed of by Agreement of Parties or by Order of Court			
	Civil Cases				Criminal Cases	Civil Cases				Civil Cases				Criminal Cases	Civil Cases			
	Jury	Jury Waived	Equity	Divorce		Jury	Jury Waived	Equity	Divorce	Jury	Jury Waived	Equity	Divorce		Jury	Jury Waived	Equity	Divorce
Barnstable	128	48	30	18	57	67	42	19	1	8	–	–	–	7	52	20	7	2
Berkshire	323	116	152	44	73	181	90	31	1	32	8	4	–	35	169	64	91	–
Bristol	1,950	483	545	196	734	621	197	130	1	181	38	47	2	57	890	336	296	6
Dukes	12	16	2	12	3	5	17	10	–	9	2	–	1	–	4	4	2	–
Essex	4,224	508	558	292	1,355	1,686	310	215	12	214	55	20	14	285	1,797	351	123	23
Franklin	175	77	207	31	30	153	36	25	2	40	11	20	4	21	122	36	143	4
Hampden	2,395	822	593	578	483	1,162	483	197	441	313	51	24	218	79	1,091	404	207	381
Hampshire	203	90	106	39	57	117	46	33	3	30	1	1	5	81	83	35	79	1
Middlesex	6,380	1,318	786	409	1,038	2,960	780	395	88	382	77	15	52	713	2,545	703	245	360
Nantucket	4	9	2	–	–	1	12	1	–	2	3	1	–	–	–	7		–
Norfolk	1,437	310	424	108	684	749	247	88	8	67	14	48	8	96	468	167	269	3
Plymouth	1,014	303	413	146	532	350	158	74	54	79	20	15	53	115	261	128	277	7
Suffolk	16,053	3,468	6,142	1,150	913	8,690	2,103	1,886	143	1,074	337	445	195	1,243	6,561	1,443	4,014	887
Worcester	3,895	701	624	201	246	1,540	420	212	5	304	51	43	4	194	1,589	320	387	1
Total	38,193	8,269	10,584	3,224	6,205	18,282	4,941	3,316	759	2,735	668	683	556	2,926	15,632	4,018	6,140	1,675

Counties	Number remaining Untried at End of Year					Number wherein Verdict of Jury in Civil Cases has been set aside by Court on Ground it was Excessive	Criminal Cases				Number of Days during which Court has sat for Hearing				
	Civil Cases				Criminal Cases		Number of Indictments Returned	Number of Appealed Cases Entered	Number Disposed of Without Trial	Number wherein New Trial has been Ordered	Civil Cases				Criminal Cases
	Jury	Jury Waived	Equity	Divorce							Jury	Jury Waived	Equity	Divorce	
Barnstable	135	70	42	17	72	–	20	56	54	–	11[1]	1[1]	–	–	9[1]
Berkshire	307	136	89	44	154	–	39	99	80	–	43	–[2]	15[2]	–	48
Bristol	1,500	306	332[3]	189	1,047	2	333	855	818	–	141	17	8	2	53
Dukes	9	27	4	11	8	–	2	11	4	–	17[4]	–	–	–	–
Essex	4,020	481	633	266	1,271	–	381	1,322	1,502	2	356	35	15	1	177
Franklin	210	81	94	29	24	–	24	43	53	–	20	5	6	½	11
Hampden	2,247	755	580	438	563	–	96	346	283	–	235	25	15	16	63
Hampshire	206	91	57	36	56	–	41	136	94	1	16	1	3	1	69
Middlesex	6,795	1,395	936	85	336	2	1,024	1,925	2,938	1	500	41	12	8	364
Nantucket	1	8	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	3	–	–	–	–
Norfolk	1,651	376	195	105	452[5]	2	202	457	678	–	130	–	18	–	86
Plymouth	1,024	313	195	140	407	–	136	494	689	–	85	10	10	6	95
Suffolk	18,092	4,128	4,014	406	389	3	1,087	4,249	4,762	5	1,441	132	314[6]	30	971
Worcester	3,542	750	406	201	299	1	379	1,631	1,763	–	380	44	22	2	161
Total	39,739	8,917	7,577	1,967	5,078	10	3,764	11,624	13,718	9	3,378	311	438	66½	2,107

[1] Approximate, owing to mixed sessions.
[2] Including jury waived and equity cases.
[3] Includes one transferred to Probate Court.
[4] Number of days for civil and criminal cases reported as "seventeen days in all."
[5] Probation cases not included as heretofore.
[6] Equity motion session sitting for Suffolk and all other counties in the Commonwealth; a justice being in attendance each day throughout the year except Sundays and legal holidays.

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Office of the Secretary, January 5, 1928.

To the Honorable Senate and the House of Representatives:

I have the honor to submit, in compliance with General Laws, chapter 9, section 17, the annual report of the transactions of this office for the year ending November 30, 1927, the returns of the sheriffs of the several counties of money received by them, and of their attendance upon a court of record and the county commissioners; a report showing the aggregate vote, both affirmative and negative, on every act or part of an act which shall have been referred by the General Court for acceptance or rejection to the voters of the Commonwealth or of any part thereof, or to the city council of any city, during the calendar year 1927; and a record of the work of this Department in respect to public records under chapter 66 of the General Laws.

There is also presented, in compliance with General Laws, chapter 221, section 24, as amended by Acts of 1924, chapter 131, and Acts of 1927, chapter 64, abstract and tabular statements of the returns of the clerks of the courts for the several counties and the clerks of the Superior Court for civil and for criminal business in Suffolk county; as to civil cases, the number of jury cases, of jury waived cases, of equity cases and of divorce cases pending at the beginning of each year in the superior court for their respective counties, the number of each of said four classes of cases entered during the year, the number of cases of each class actually tried during the year, the number of cases of each class disposed of during the year by agreement of the parties or by order of the court, the number of cases of each class marked inactive during the year under rule of court, the number of cases of each class so marked inactive at any time, and remaining untried or undisposed of at the end of the year, the number of cases of each class pending at the end of the year, the number of cases wherein the verdict of the jury has been set aside by the court on the ground that it was excessive and the number of days during which the court has sat in their respective counties for the hearing of each of said four classes of cases; and, as to criminal cases, the number of such cases pending at the beginning of each year in the superior court for their respective counties, the number of indictments returned during the year, the number of appealed criminal cases entered during the year, the number of such cases actually tried during the year, the number of cases disposed of without trial during the year, the number of such cases pending at the end of the year, the number of such cases wherein a new trial has been ordered and the number of days during which the court has sat in their respective counties for the hearing of such cases.

Receipts and Expenditures

The following table shows, in detail, the receipts from fees, etc., all of which were paid into the treasury daily, and quarterly reports thereof made to the Governor and Council, as required by General Laws, chapter 9, section 1:—

Commissions		$15,180 00
Corporation Certificates		415,904 02
Limited Partnerships		120 00
Labels, Trademarks, etc.		5,550 00
Sale of Books, etc.		11,704 90
Certificates		1,624 00
Military Records		197 00
Copies: Corporations	$5,723 99	
Archives	4,451 30	
		10,175 29
Vital Statistics		676 25
Sale of Advance Sheets		478 00
Miscellaneous		24 74
		$461,634 20

The total expenses for salaries and incidentals during the year were $125,680.31. It appears, therefore, that there was turned into the treasury of the Commonwealth $335,953.89 over the office expenses.

Commissions

The number of commissions issued during the year ending November 30, 1927, was 3,287 (a decrease of 448 from the preceding year), of which 251 were without fee and 52 became void by reason of the failure of the appointees to take out the commissions or to qualify thereunder. The different classes were as follows:—

Notaries public	2,372
Justices of the peace	617
Special district police officers	23
Trustees, commissioners, etc.	121
Public warehousemen	21
Justices of the peace to solemnize marriages	21
Public administrators	8
Masters in chancery	16
Medical examiners	13
Clerks, municipal and district courts	26
Commissioners in other States	5
Justices and special justices, municipal and district courts	15
Associate medical examiners	13
Justices of the peace to issue warrants and take bail	3
Trial justices	3
Commissioners to qualify public officers	3
Ballot Law Commissioner	1
Board of Excise, City of Chelsea	1
Finance Commissioner, City of Boston	1
Commissioners in Foreign Countries	2
Police Commissioner, City of Boston	1
Member Governor's Council	1
	3,287

Certificates to the number of 7,397 were issued, of which 901 were for certificates for which no fees are charged.

Corporation Division (Rooms 335B, 337, 340A, 340B)

The total number of certificates of incorporation issued under General Laws to new corporations for the fiscal year ending November 30, 1927, was 2,710—an increase of twenty-two as compared with the fiscal year ending November 30, 1926. They were classified as follows:—

Trading corporations (under General Laws, chapter 156, section 12)	2,363
Religious, charitable, social, educational, musical, athletic, etc., corporations (under General Laws, chapter 180, section 3)	187
Fraternal beneficiary corporations (under General Laws, chapter 176, section 9)	23
Churches (under General Laws, chapter 67, section 51)	22
Credit unions (under General Laws, chapter 171, section 3)	100
Co-operative banks (under General Laws, chapter 170, section 5)	2
Insurance companies (under General Laws, chapter 175, section 49)	6
Assessment insurance company (under General Laws, chapter 177, section 4)	1
Trust companies (under General Laws, chapter 172, section 10)	4
Water company (under General Laws, chapter 158, section 9)	1
Street railway company (under General Laws, chapter 161, section 136)	1

The number of miscellaneous certificates filed and recorded was 20,047—an increase of 672 as compared with the fiscal year ending November 30, 1926. Of these, 15,312 were certificates of condition of Massachusetts corporations (under General Laws, chapter 158, section 37 and chapter 156, section 47); 2,363 were articles of organization of trading corporations (under General Laws, chapter 156, section 12); 187 were certificates of religious, charitable, social and other organizations (under General Laws, chapter 180); 685 were certificates of issue of capital stock of trading corporations (under General Laws, chapter 156, sections 16 and 17), and the others were distributed among 27 different classes.

The number of miscellaneous certificates filed was 2,041, of which 1,941 were certificates of condition of foreign corporations (under General Laws, chapter 181, section 12), and the others were divided among 11 other classes.

There were issued 30 certificates of change of name of corporations (under General Laws, chapter 155, section 10, and chapter 180, section 11).

Returns were received of the dissolution of 31 corporations by the Supreme Judicial and Superior Courts.

Under the act relating to the incorporation of clubs, charters were refused in 22 cases, 8 charters declared void, and 8 applications for incorporation withdrawn. Under the law relative to change of name of clubs, one such application was refused and one application withdrawn.

Limited partnership certificates to the number of 11 were filed and recorded.

In the Corporation Division, 3,069 certified copies of the records and certificates were supplied—an increase of 364 as compared with the fiscal year ending November 30, 1926.

Labels, Trade-Marks, etc. (Room 337)

By General Laws, chapter 110, section 8, which relates to the adoption and registration of labels, trade-marks, stamps and forms of advertisement, the duty is placed upon the Secretary of the Commonwealth of receiving, filing and recording such labels, etc., and of issuing and recording certificates of record. Under this law, labels, trade-marks, stamps and forms of advertisement were received, and certificates of record issued and recorded, in 215 cases.

Under General Laws, chapter 110, section 8, which provides for the assignment of labels, trade-marks, stamps and forms of advertisement, 37 assignments were received, and certificates of registration issued and recorded.

Insignia of Societies and Labor Unions (Room 337)

General Laws, chapter 110, section 9, provides for the registration in this office of the insignia, ribbons, badges, rosettes, buttons and emblems of societies, associations and labor unions. One registration was received which has been included with the number of labels above given, under General Laws, chapter 110, section 8.

Marks and Devices on Cans, etc. (Room 337)

By General Laws, chapter 110, section 17, which provides for the protection of owners of cans, bottles, boxes, siphons and fountains used in the sale of soda water, mineral and aerated waters, ale, beer, ginger ale or similar beverages, it is made the duty of the Secretary of the Commonwealth to receive and file descriptions of marks, devices, etc., and under this law one such description was received and filed. Under General Laws, chapter 110, section 21, as amended by chapter 37, Acts of 1924, protecting dealers and consumers against the unlawful use and destruction of milk and ice cream cans, jugs, bottles, jars, tubs or cabinets, 24 descriptions of marks, devices, etc., were received and filed.

Vital Statistics Division (Room 334)

Under the provisions of General Laws, chapter 46, section 17, returns of births and marriages from 355 cities and towns and births from the State Infirmary at Tewskbury, for the year 1926, which were received in 1927,

cover 83,502 births, and 30,584 marriages, a decrease of 2,512 births and 654 marriages, as compared with the returns for 1925.

Under the provisions of the same law 52,888 certified copies of records of deaths were received, covering the period from January 1, 1926, to December 31, 1926, an increase of 998 as compared with the returns of 1925.

Medical examiners' returns for 1926 cover 7,648, a decrease of 41 as compared with the returns for 1925.

Returns by clerks of courts and registers of probate of the decrees of divorce for 1926 number 4,044, an increase of 157 as compared with the returns for 1925.

These figures are fully compiled and analyzed in the annual registration report for 1926 (Public Document No. 1), and available August 1, 1927.

During the year 2,270 certificates of birth, 851 certificates of marriage, and 759 certificates of death were issued, a total of 3,880. Fees received from these certificates amounted to $676.25.

4,859 abstracts of birth records for school, employment and pension purposes were issued without charge.

There were 5,997 delayed records of birth and corrections of birth records received; 38 corrections of marriage and 62 corrections of death records were also received.

Naturalization Returns

Under the provisions of General Laws, chapter 220, section 19, returns were received of the naturalization of 2,329 persons before the superior courts of the Commonwealth during the year 1926, an increase of 730 as compared with the returns of 1925. These returns were indexed and bound in convenient form for reference, as required by law.

Changes of Names of Persons

The returns of 1,320 names, changed in 1926 as decreed by the several probate courts, were received and filed in compliance with the requirements of General Laws, chapter 210, section 12.

Archives Division (Room 438)

The Chief of the Archives Division respectfully reports as follows:

That 203 military certificates, 41 typewritten copies, and 1,016 photostatic copies (totalling 24,906 prints) of legislative records and files, manuscripts, maps, corporation records, finger prints, soldiers' discharges, World War diaries, etc., have been made during the past fiscal year, and the following fees received: military certificates, $203; typewritten copies, $39.30; and photostatic copies, $4,406; totalling $4,648.30.

Reproduction of Archives

Proceeding as rapidly as can be expected with increasing demand for photostatic work.

Photostat

Constantly employed reproducing archives, maps, manuscripts, corporation records, etc.

World War Records

Diaries and other papers have been photostated for the History Commission. (Chap. 510, Acts of 1924.)

Rebinding of Archives

Owing to unsettled conditions no volumes have been bound this year.

Further Protection of the Archives

Owing to there having been three fires within a few years in that portion of the State House in which the Archives (from 1625 to date) are located, effective measures should be taken for further safeguarding the greatest collection (from a legal and historical standpoint) in America. With the

lessons of New York and West Virginia before us (in which the Archives and State Library were practically destroyed), a collection which cannot be replaced and commercially is worth at least two million dollars should be guarded carefully.

House Journals, 1715–1780

Vol. VIII, 1727–1728, reprinted by the Massachusetts Historical Society, has been purchased and distributed by the Document Division. (Chap. 413, Acts of 1920, and Chap. 164, Acts of 1922.)

Vital Records to 1850

Groton (marriages and deaths) and New Salem, compiled by Essex Institute, and Nantucket (marriages, 2 vols.), compiled by the New England Historic Genealogical Society, have been purchased and distributed by the Document Division. (Chap. 562, Acts of 1920, and Chap. 199, Acts of 1922).

Public Document Division (Room 118)

During the year 1927 the following publications were received for distribution through the Public Document Division: 59,815 volumes of the Public Document Series, representing 72 reports of the several state departments, boards and commissions; 10,000 copies of the pamphlet edition of the session laws; 10,000 copies of the bound edition of the session laws, commonly called the Blue Book; 750 copies each of the Senate and House Journals, total, 1,500 copies; 454 copies each of the Massachusetts Reports, Nos. 254, 255 and 256, total, 1,362 copies; 700 copies of the Sixty-first Annual Encampment, Department of Massachusetts, G. A. R. 1927; 900 copies of the Proceedings of the Twenty-sixth Annual Encampment, Department of Massachusetts, U. S. W. V., 1925; 1800 copies of the Annual Proceedings, The American Legion, Department of Massachusetts, 1926; 800 copies of the Annual Proceedings of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Massachusetts, 1926; 350 copies each of Nantucket Marriages, Vols. 3 and 4, Groton Marriages and Deaths, Vol. 2, and New Salem Vital Records, total, 1,400 copies; 300 copies of the Journals of the House of Representatives, Vol. 8, 1727–29; 5,000 copies of the Manual of Fire Department Equipment and Practice; 4,000 copies of the General Laws Relating to Taxation and Special Assessments, 1927; 50 copies of the 1926 report of the Finance Commission for the City of Boston, which copies were received from the above commission; 1,022 copies each of Volumes 1 and 2 of the General Laws of Massachusetts; 2,500 copies of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; 50 copies of the Third Annual Report of the Board of Zoning Adjustment, Dec., 1926, which copies were received from the City of Boston; 10,500 copies of the Manual for the General Court, 1927–28; 8,000 copies of the Condensed Summary of Laws Relative to Innholders and Common Victuallers, 1927; 5,000 copies of the General Laws Relating to Corporations, 1927,—making a grand total of 124,699 volumes that have passed through this division during the year.

In addition to the above, there were distributed 9,500 copies of "Dangerous Weapons" posters, which posters were printed in the following languages: English, French, Italian, Polish, Russian, German, Yiddish, Portuguese, Swedish and Greek.

Division of Public Records (Room 252)

Inspections

Inspections of the care, custody, condition and protection against fires of the public records of the departments and offices of the counties, cities and towns, have been made during the year 1927 in the following 187 places: Abington, Acushnet, Adams, Agawam, Amesbury, Amherst, Ashland, Auburn, Barnstable, Becket, Bedford, Beverly, Billerica, Bourne, Boxborough, Boxford, Boylston, Brewster, Bridgewater, Brimfield, Brockton, Brookfield, Burlington, Carlisle, Charlton, Chatham, Chelmsford, Cheshire,

Chicopee, Chilmark, Clarksburg, Clinton, Concord, Conway, Danvers, Dartmouth, Deerfield, Dennis, Douglas, Dover, Dracut, Dudley, Duxbury, East Bridgewater, East Brookfield, East Longmeadow, Eastham, Easthampton, Easton, Edgartown, Essex, Fairhaven, Falmouth, Framingham, Gay Head, Georgetown, Gill, Gloucester, Grafton, Greenfield, Groveland, Hamilton, Hampden, Hancock, Hanover, Harvard, Harwich, Holland, Holliston, Holyoke, Hopedale, Hopkinton, Ipswich, Kingston, Lee, Leicester, Lexington, Littleton, Longmeadow, Lowell, Ludlow, Lynnfield, Manchester, Mansfield, Marblehead, Marion, Marlborough, Marshfield, Mashpee, Mattapoisett, Medfield, Medway, Mendon, Merrimac, Middleton, Milford, Millbury, Millis, Montague, Nahant, Nantucket, Natick, Needham, New Bedford, Newbury, Newton, Norfolk, North Adams, North Brookfield, North Reading, Northampton, Northborough, Northbridge, Northfield, Norton, Norwell, Oak Bluffs, Oakham, Orleans, Otis, Oxford, Paxton, Peabody, Pelham, Peru, Pittsfield, Plymouth, Prescott, Provincetown, Reading, Rochester, Rockland, Rockport, Rowley, Rutland, Salem, Salisbury, Sandwich, Saugus, Sherborn, Shrewsbury, Southampton, Southborough, Southbridge, Southwick, Spencer, Sterling, Stoneham, Sturbridge, Sunderland, Sutton, Swampscott, Tewksbury, Tisbury, Topsfield, Truro, Tyngsborough, Upton, Uxbridge, Wales, Ware, Wareham, Warren, Washington, Watertown, Webster, Wellesley, Wellfleet, Wenham, West Boylston, West Bridgewater, West Brookfield, West Newbury, West Springfield, West Tisbury, Westborough, Westfield, Westhampton, Westport, Whately, Whitman, Wilbraham, Wilmington, Winchester, Windsor, Worcester, Yarmouth.

The inspections made by the Supervisor of Records, under the provisions of the General Laws, chapter 66, section 1, show improved conditions in the care and protection of the public records.

During the year about 25 vaults and 12 safes have been approved by this office.

Fires

Nearly every year there is a fire which endangers some of the public records; during this year there have been four such fires.

The early morning of April 10, the interior of the Fall River Technical High School was destroyed by fire, leaving the brick walls standing; a few of the teachers' registers were lost; all school records were saved.

On April 12, fire slightly damaged room 36, on the third floor, City Hall, Boston, occupied by the Street-Laying Out Department. The top and sides of a drafting table were charred and a few blue print plans in racks were damaged but could be replaced by joint working drawings.

An early morning fire, October 19, destroyed the Hingham High School Building; school records and valuable papers were saved.

An early morning fire, October 31, starting in the basement of the Saugus Town Hall, caused by spontaneous combustion in a pile of coal, damaged the building to the extent of several thousand dollars; no records were lost.

Flood

November 4th, the town of Becket was severely damaged by flood. The residence of the Town Clerk was washed away and the town safe was lost; also the town seal and some of the Selectmen's orders. Original certificates of births, marriages and deaths from 1914–1927, inclusive, went down with the flood. A few days later a folder of the certificates of births was found wet, but perfectly legible.

City Halls

No new city halls have been built during the year. Westfield Gas and Electric Light Department has erected a new vault in the building occupied by them.

Town Halls

The new town halls at Somerset, Spencer, Lexington, Northfield and Norwood, are nearing completion and will soon be ready for occupancy. Gos-

nold's new Town Hall is completed and occupied by all departments. Alterations have been made in the town halls at Dracut and Billerica, by the construction of new vaults. Plans are being prepared for new town buildings at Weymouth and Winthrop.

Court Houses

Berkshire County is erecting an annex to the present Court House at Pittsfield. Norfolk County has constructed a new vault for the County Treasurer, in the basement of the Court House at Dedham.

District Courts

The District Court of Northern Essex at Haverhill has moved into its new quarters. The District Court of Second Southern Worcester at Uxbridge will soon move into its new quarters at Whitinsville in the town of Northbridge.

Repairing and Binding

Records have been repaired and rebound during the year for the city of Salem, towns of Mansfield, Foxborough, Winchester and Stockbridge; for the Registries of Deeds and Probate for the County of Bristol at Taunton, and Registries of Deeds at Plymouth and Northampton; plans bound and mounted for the town of Hull, Registries of Deeds for the Counties of Barnstable, Dukes, Hampden, Hampshire, Middlesex and Plymouth.

Typewriter Ribbons and Stamping Pads

A printed list of approved typewriter ribbons and stamping pads will be published later for distribution.

Legislative Counsel and Agents' Expenses

In compliance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 3, Sections 39 to 50 inclusive, relative to legislative counsel and agents' expenses incurred or paid in connection with the promoting or opposing of legislation during the last session of the General Court, there were 210 entries made in the dockets, a decrease of 30 compared with 1926.

Returns covering 209 of these entries were received in this office from persons, corporations or associations employing legislative counsel or agents. One failed to file a return and was therefore reported to the Attorney General. In addition to these, three returns were received from employers whose names had not been previously registered in the docket. Thirty-five returns appeared to be irregular or defective, twenty-seven of which were later corrected. It therefore was necessary to report the remaining eight returns to the Attorney General as required by law.

The total amount reported as paid to legislative counsel and agents was $62,727.75, in addition to this $5,400 represents annual salaries or retainers apportioned and $44,100 unapportioned. Twenty-three employers stated that they paid nothing.

Proclamations

The proclamations of His Excellency the Governor for the observance of Lincoln Day, Arbor and Bird Day, Flag Day and Thanksgiving Day were printed and distributed under the direction of this office.

Of the Lincoln Day proclamations 11,000 copies were given public distribution to churches, schools, institutions, patriotic societies, postmasters and city and town clerks. Of the Arbor and Bird Day and Forest Protection Week 12,000 copies were mailed to churches, schools, granges, agricultural societies, institutions, postmasters and city and town clerks. Flag Day proclamations to the number of 11,000 were mailed to churches, schools, postmasters, patriotic societies, institutions and city and town clerks, and 10,000 Thanksgiving proclamations were sent to churches, schools, postmasters and city and town clerks.

In addition to the above, proclamations were printed and distributed as follows: For the observance of Spanish War Memorial Day and Maine Memorial Day, February 15, 1927, 1,000 copies were printed and mailed to churches and schools. To commemorate the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of Washington spending the winter with his army headquarters at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, 11,000 proclamations were printed and sent to churches, schools, patriotic societies, postmasters, institutions and city and town clerks. Fire Prevention Week was designated to include the week of October 9, and 6,150 copies of the Governor's proclamation were distributed to the fire chiefs of the Commonwealth for churches, schools and post offices. For the observance of Armistice Day, November 11, 1927, 11,000 proclamations were distributed to schools, churches, institutions, patriotic societies, postmasters and city and town clerks.

Proclamations were also issued by the Governor to the press in observance of "Be Kind to Animals Week," April 10 to 16, 1927. The Governor also issued proclamations to the press suspending the open season for fishing April 14, 1927, and proclaiming the open season for fishing April 23, 1927.

Respites, Requisitions, Etc.

The number of respites and extensions thereof from death sentence made out and issued during the year was 8; requisitions upon other States, 269; upon the Secretary of the United States Navy, 2; upon the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court at Washington, D. C., 2; extradition requests upon foreign countries, 2; and warrants were issued upon requisitions from other states, 39.

Rules and Regulations of State Departments

By chapter 30, section 37, General Laws, certain rules and regulations of departments, commissions, boards or officials vested by law with the power to make and issue rules and regulations general in scope, and to be observed or performed under penalty for the violation thereof, shall not take effect until attested copies thereof have been filed with the Secretary of the Commonwealth. Under this law rules and regulations were filed by the following departments during the year 1927: Department of Agriculture; Department of Conservation; Department of Labor and Industries; Department of Public Health; Department of Public Safety; Department of Public Works.

Miscellaneous

The two reports from this office which form a part of the Public Document series, namely, Returns of Births, Marriages, Divorces, and Deaths (Public Document No. 1) and Returns of Assessed Polls, Registered Voters and Persons who voted, etc. (Public Document No. 43) have been made, as required by law.

FREDERIC W. COOK
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Returns from Cities and Towns relative to Action taken under Certain Provisions of the General Laws

When Received	City or Town	Subject and Reference	Action	Date of Action
1927				
Jan. 3	Lynn	Prevention of fires, 1872, 243	Accepted	Oct. 5, 1875
Feb. 4	Medford	Collection of water rates, 1923, 391	Accepted	Feb. 2, 1927
Feb. 18	Shrewsbury	Removal of snow and ice, G. L. 40, § 7 and G. L. 85, § 6	Accepted	Feb. 16, 1927
Feb. 21	Milton	Precinct voting at town elections, G. L. 39, § 20	Accepted	June 12, 1923
Mar. 8	Lunenburg	Public parks, G. L. 45, §§ 1–9	Accepted	Mar. 7, 1927
Mar. 10	Leominster	Building lines, G. L. 82, § 37	Accepted	Dec. 27, 1926
Mar. 16	Lunenburg	Collection of water rates, 1923, 391	Accepted	Mar. 7, 1927
Mar. 25	Westwood	Board of survey, G. L. 41, §§ 73–81	Accepted	Mar. 14, 1927
Mar. 26	North Andover	Civil service for call firemen, G. L. 31, § 48	Accepted	Mar. 19, 1927
Apr. 4	Leominster	City offices, G. L. 39, § 7	Accepted	Mar. 28, 1927
Apr. 8	Weston	Collection of water rates, 1923, 391	Accepted	Mar. 28, 1927
Apr. 13	Worcester	Annuities to families of police, G. L. 32, § 89, as amended by 1924, 504, § 3	Accepted	Apr. 6, 1927
Apr. 27	Arlington	Collection of water rates, 1923, 391	Accepted	Apr. 7, 1927
Apr. 27	Arlington	Licenses for slaughter houses, 1924, 496, § 2 (G. L. 94, § 120A)	Accepted	Apr. 7, 1927
May 3	Malden	Permits for smoke nuisance, G. L. 140, §§ 132–136	Accepted	Apr. 20, 1927
May 4	Hudson	Collection of water rates, 1923, 391	Accepted	May 2, 1927
June 24	Hull	Licensed boxing matches, G. L. 147, §§ 32–47	Accepted	June 22, 1927
June 27	Dracut	Playgrounds, G. L. 45, § 15	Accepted	June 23, 1927
June 30	New Bedford	Reserved spaces in public ways, G. L. 82, § 34	Accepted	June 23, 1927
July 6	Springfield	Days off for police, 1927, 304 (G. L. 147, § 16)	Accepted	May 31, 1927
July 15	Salem	Establishment of precincts, G. L. 54, § 10	Accepted	May 26, 1927
Aug. 15	New Bedford	Assessment of poll taxes and making certain lists in cities, 1925, 183 (G. L. 51, § 14A)	Accepted	Aug. 12, 1927
Nov. 11	East Longmeadow	Collection of water rates, 1923, 391	Accepted	Feb. 13, 1924
Nov. 14	Randolph	Civil service for police, G.L. 31, § 48	Accepted	Nov. 14, 1927
Dec. 2	Shrewsbury	Civil service for police, G. L. 31, § 48	Accepted	Nov. 29, 1927
Dec. 14	Arlington	Election and appointment of town officers, P. S. 27, §§ 64–68	Accepted	Mar. 13, 1893
Dec. 22	Malden	Annuities to families of police, G. L. 32, § 89, as amended by 1924, 504, § 3	Accepted	Dec. 19, 1927
Dec. 22	Webster	Retirement on pension of civil war veterans, G. L. 32, §§ 52 & 53	Accepted	Nov. 28, 1927
Dec. 24	Brockton	Establishment of purchasing department, G. L. 41, § 104	Rejected	Dec. 6, 1927

RETURNS RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF CERTAIN SPECIAL ACTS PASSED BY THE GENERAL COURT AND REFERRED TO THE VOTERS, TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF A CITY, TO THE SELECTMEN OF A TOWN, OR THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF A COUNTY

When received	From whom received	Title of Act	Date of Action	Vote	
				Yes	No
1926					
Dec. 14	Clerk, Board of Selectmen, Grafton	An Act to enable the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company to acquire and hold the securities and properties of the New England Investment and Security Company, of the Springfield Railway Companies, of the Springfield Street Railway Company and of the Worcester Consolidated Street Railway Company (1926, 371)	Nov. 15, 1926	–[1]	–
Dec. 14	Clerk, Board of Selectmen, Northbridge	Same act as above (1926, 371)	Nov. 15, 1926	–[1]	–
Dec. 14	Clerk, Board of Selectmen, Millville	Same act as above (1926, 371)	Nov. 18, 1926	–[1]	–
Dec. 14	Clerk, Board of Selectmen, Southborough	Same act as above (1926, 371)	Nov. 19, 1926	–[1]	–
Dec. 14	City Clerk, Leominster	Same act as above (1926, 371)	Nov. 22, 1926	–[2]	–
Dec. 14	City Clerk, Westfield	Same act as above (1926, 371)	Nov. 18, 1926	–[2]	–
Dec. 14	Clerk, Board of Selectmen, Longmeadow	Same act as above (1926, 371)	Nov. 29, 1926	–[1]	–
Dec. 14	Clerk, Board of Selectmen, East Longmeadow	Same act as above (1926, 371)	Dec. 2, 1926	–[1]	–
Dec. 14	Clerk, Board of Selectmen, Russell	Same act as above (1926, 371)	Dec. 2, 1926	–[1]	–
Dec. 14	Secretary, Board of Selectmen, Huntington	Same act as above (1926, 371)	Dec. 3, 1926	–[1]	–
Dec. 14	Clerk, Board of Selectmen, Agawam	Same act as above (1926, 371)	Dec. 3, 1926	–[1]	–
Dec. 14	City Clerk, Springfield	Same act as above (1926, 371)	Dec. 6, 1926	–[2]	–
1927					
Jan. 13	City Clerk, Woburn	An Act authorizing the city of Woburn to compensate Philip H. Doherty for damages sustained by the taking of certain land in said city (1926, 178)	Dec. 16, 1926	–[2]	–
Jan. 13	City Clerk, Melrose	An Act relative to submitting to the voters of the city of Melrose the question of authorizing the issue of certain bonds or loans (1926, 75)	Dec. 20, 1926	–	–[3]
Jan. 17	Town Clerk, Methuen	An Act placing under civil service the clerical employee of the board of selectmen of the town of Methuen (1926, 49)	Mar. 15, 1926	–[1]	–
Mar. 21	Assistant Town Clerk, Wilmington	An Act to authorize the town of Wilmington to supply itself and its inhabitants with water, and to sell water to the Commonwealth and to the towns of Reading, North Reading and Tewksbury and to the city of Woburn (1926, 276)	Mar. 14, 1927	–[4]	–
Mar. 29	City Clerk, Westfield	An Act relative to the awarding of certain contracts by the city of Westfield without inviting proposals therefor by advertisements (1927, 113)	Mar. 24, 1927	–[2]	–
Mar. 29	City Clerk, Westfield	An Act relative to the filling of vacancies in certain offices in the city of Westfield (1927, 117)	Mar. 24, 1927	–[2]	–
Apr. 2	Town Clerk, Milton	An Act to erect and constitute in the town of Milton representative town government by limited town meetings (1927, 27)	Mar. 5, 1927	–[5]	–
Apr. 4	Town Clerk, Milton	An Act relative to the revocation by the town of Milton of reservations of special spaces for the use of street railways (1927, 13)	Mar. 12, 1927	–[5]	–

Apr. 6	Chairman, Plymouth County Commissioners	An Act increasing the amount that may be borrowed and expended for the improvement of Hull Street in the towns of Cohasset and Hingham (1927, 130)	Apr. 5, 1927	–6	–
Apr. 9	Secretary, Norfolk County Commissioners	An Act increasing the amount that may be borrowed and expended for the improvement of Hull Street in the towns of Cohasset and Hingham (1927, 130)	Apr. 5, 1927	–7	–
Apr. 14	Clerk, Dukes County Commissioners	An Act authorizing the county of Dukes County to borrow money for the purchase of land in the town of Gay Head for highway and park purposes (1927, 14)	Apr. 13, 1927	–8	–
Apr. 20	Clerk, Dukes County Commissioners	An Act providing for a clerk of the district court of Dukes County and of Nantucket and establishing the salaries of the justices and clerks of said courts (1927, 227)	Apr. 14, 1927	–8	–
Apr. 21	Deputy Assistant Clerk, Plymouth County Commissioners	An Act relative to the improvement of Ocean Street in the town of Marshfield (1927, 249)	Apr. 20, 1927	–6	–
Apr. 25	Clerk, Nantucket County Commissioners	An Act establishing the salaries of the sheriffs of Dukes and Nantucket counties (1927, 183)	Apr. 20, 1927	–9	–
Apr. 25	Clerk, Nantucket County Commissioners	An Act providing for a clerk of the district court of Dukes County and of Nantucket and establishing the salaries of the justices and clerks of said courts (1927, 227)	Apr. 20, 1927	–9	–
June 2	Assistant City Clerk, Fitchburg	An Act placing under the civil service the offices of chief of police, and of chief engineer and permanent assistant engineers of the fire department, of the city of Fitchburg (1926, 34)	Mar. 26, 1926	–2	–
June 3	City Clerk, Attleboro	An Act placing the office of chief of the fire department of the city of Attleboro under the civil service laws (1926, 112)	Nov. 11, 1926	–2	–
June 3	City Clerk, Attleboro	An Act providing for the filling of certain vacancies in the municipal council of the city of Attleboro by election by said council (1927, 281)	May 6, 1927	–2	–
June 3	Clerk, Dukes County Commissioners	An Act authorizing the county of Dukes County to borrow money for the purpose of contributing to the cost of the construction of a highway between Vineyard Haven and Edgartown (1926, 332)	Sept. 7, 1926	–8	–
June 3	Secretary, Essex County Commissioners	An Act providing for the reconstruction of the East Saugus bridge over the Saugus River between the town of Saugus and the city of Lynn (1926, 293)	Aug. 20, 1926	–10	–
June 3	Secretary, Essex County Commissioners	An Act authorizing the county commissioners of the county of Essex to rebuild, repair, alter and reconstruct the causeway over the Waters River in the town of Danvers (1926, 336)	June 22, 1926	–10	–
June 3	Secretary, Essex County Commissioners	An Act relative to the widening of Bridge Street in the city of Haverhill (1926, 367)	June 15, 1926	–10	–
June 3	Secretary, Essex County Commissioners	An Act to provide additional funds for the reconstruction of the East Saugus bridge over the Saugus River between the town of Saugus and the city of Lynn (1927, 57)	Mar. 18, 1927	–10	–
June 3	Secretary, Essex County Commissioners	An Act providing for certain additions to the Essex County Tuberculosis Hospital (1927, 317)	May 13, 1927	–10	–
June 3	City Clerk, Lynn	An Act authorizing the city of Lynn to pension Walter E. Coates (1926, 22)	Mar. 2, 1926	–2	–
June 4	Clerk, Barnstable County Commissioners	An Act providing for the appointment of county health officers in Barnstable County (1926, 133)	June 3, 1926	–11	–
June 4	Clerk, Barnstable County Commissioners	An Act providing for the further enlargement of the Barnstable County Sanatorium (1927, 55)	Apr. 7, 1927	–11	–
June 4	Town Clerk, Reading	An Act providing for commissioners of trust funds in the town of Reading (1926, 82)	May 3, 1926	–5	–
June 4	Town Clerk, Winthrop	An Act providing for the construction of a breakwater or sea wall at Great Head in the town of Winthrop (1926, 388)	Dec. 15, 1926	–4	–
June 4	Town Clerk, Danvers	An Act placing the office of chief engineer of the fire department of the town of Danvers and, under certain conditions, the office of chief of said department, under the civil service laws (1926, 9)	Mar. 22, 1926	1,582	1,239
June 6	Assistant Town Clerk, Lexington	An Act to change the method and rate of sewer assessments in the town of Lexington (1926, 221)	May 12, 1926	–5	–
June 6	Assistant Town Clerk, Lexington	An Act relative to improving the surface and ground drainage in the town of Lexington and in adjoining towns (1926, 263)	May 12, 1926	–5	–

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When received	From whom received	TITLE OF ACT	Date of Action	VOTE	
				Yes	No
1927 June 7	Town Clerk, Wilbraham	An Act authorizing the town of Wilbraham to purchase water from the city of Springfield for the use of the inhabitants of said town (1926, 295)	Aug. 9, 1926	136	50
June 8	Clerk, Barnstable County Commissioners	An Act providing for certain improvements at the Barnstable County Sanatorium and enlarging the purposes of said sanatorium (1926, 265)	May 20, 1926	–[11]	–
June 8	Clerk, Bristol County Commissioners	An Act establishing the office of second assistant clerk of the Third District Court of Bristol (1926, 69)	Apr. 20, 1926	–[12]	–
June 8	Clerk, Bristol County Commissioners	An Act making a necessary correction in the current laws relative to the establishment of the office of second assistant clerk of the Third District Court of Bristol (1926, 389)	Nov. 9, 1926	–[12]	–
June 9	Assistant City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the city of Boston to reimburse James O. Jordan for money paid by him in satisfaction of a certain execution (1927, 79)	June 7, 1927	–[2]	–
June 10	Town Clerk, Somerset	An Act authorizing the town of Somerset to obtain additional sources of water supply and to supply the town of Dighton with water (1926, 339)	Sept. 28, 1926	200	0
June 13	Assistant City Clerk, Boston	An Act establishing the salaries of the medical examiners and associate medical examiners for Suffolk County (1927, 200)	June 7, 1927	–[2]	–
June 14	City Clerk, Malden	An Act providing for the abatement of a public nuisance by the diversion of the waters of Saugus Branch creek in the city of Malden (1927, 234)	June 8, 1927	–[2]	–
June 14	City Clerk, Lynn	An Act authorizing the J. B. Blood Company to maintain a bridge over Wheeler Street in the city of Lynn (1927, 86)	June 7, 1927	–[2]	–
June 21	Clerk, Dukes County Commissioners	An Act establishing the salaries of the sheriffs of Dukes and Nantucket Counties (1927, 183)	June 2, 1927	–[8]	–
June 29	Town Clerk, Dartmouth	An Act providing for precinct voting, representative town meetings, town meeting members, a referendum and a moderator to serve for a year in the town of Dartmouth (1927, 26)	Mar. 7, 1927	760	441
June 30	Town Clerk, Swampscott	An Act providing for precinct voting, representative town meetings, town meeting members, a referendum and a moderator to serve for a year in the town of Swampscott (1927, 300)	May 17, 1927	401	211
July 19	Assistant City Clerk, Boston	An Act establishing the salaries of the justice and clerks of the municipal court of the South Boston district (1927, 294)	July 15, 1927	–[2]	–
Aug. 11	Assistant City Clerk, Fitchburg	An Act authorizing the city of Fitchburg to pay a certain sum of money on account of the death of a fireman killed in the performance of duty (1927, 329)	Aug. 9, 1927	–[2]	–
Oct. 14	Assistant City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the city of Boston to continue the payment of a pension to the widow of Daniel T. Dineen (1927, 196)	Oct. 11, 1927	–[2]	–
Oct. 21	Assistant City Clerk, Boston	An Act relative to the use of buildings and premises, the height and bulk of buildings, and the occupancy of lots in specified districts of the city of Boston (1927, 220)	Oct. 18, 1927	–[2]	–
Nov. 12	City Clerk, Lynn	An Act providing for the abatement of the sewage nuisance on the flats of Lynn Harbor and the improvement of said harbor for navigation and commerce (1927, 267)	Nov. 8, 1927	16,605	1,527
Dec. 8	City Clerk, Gloucester	An Act subjecting the office of city electrician in the city of Gloucester to the civil service laws (1927, 50)	Dec. 6, 1927	1,042	1,549
Dec. 8	City Clerk, Gloucester	An Act providing for absent voting at municipal elections in the city of Gloucester (1927, 98)	Dec. 6, 1927	2,513	862

Dec. 15	Clerk, Norfolk County Commissioners	An Act providing for the acquisition of additional land for the Norfolk County Tuberculosis Hospital and for certain improvements on the property of said hospital (1927, 132)	Apr. 12, 1927	–[7]	–
Dec. 15	City Clerk, Holyoke	An Act to establish non-partisan preliminary municipal elections in the city of Holyoke (1927, 118)	Dec. 6, 1927	5,331	7,443
Dec. 17	City Clerk, Northampton	An Act providing for biennial municipal elections in the city of Northampton (1927, 265)	Dec. 6, 1927	2,889	1,855
Dec. 20	Deputy Assistant Clerk, Essex County Commissioners	An Act providing for the reconstruction of a part of Kernwood bridge over Danvers River between the cities of Salem and Beverly (1927, 232)	Sept. 30, 1927	–[10]	–
Dec. 29	City Clerk, Chelsea	An Act increasing the salary of the mayor of the city of Chelsea (1927, 193)	Dec. 22, 1927	5,407	3,710
Dec. 29	City Clerk, Chelsea	An Act establishing a two-year term of office for the mayor of the city of Chelsea (1927, 155)	Dec. 22, 1927	5,143	4,285

[1] Accepted by the board of selectmen.
[2] Accepted by the city council.
[3] Rejected by the board of aldermen.
[4] Adopted by unanimous vote.
[5] Accepted, affirmative and negative votes not returned.
[6] Accepted by the county commissioners of Plymouth County.
[7] Accepted by the county commissioners of Norfolk County.
[8] Accepted by the county commissioners of Dukes County.
[9] Accepted by the county commissioners of Nantucket County.
[10] Accepted by the county commissioners of Essex County.
[11] Accepted by the county commissioners of Barnstable County.
[12] Accepted by the county commissioners of Bristol County.

Abstract of the Returns of the Sheriffs of the Several Counties of the Commonwealth for the Year ending September 30, 1927, in Compliance with General Laws, Chapter 37, Section 23

Counties	Amount of Money Received					Number of Days' Attendance			
	From County Treasurer	From All Other Sources	Total	For Fees in Civil Processes	For Fees in Criminal Processes	Upon the Court	Upon County Commissioners	Upon More than One Tribunal Simultaneously	Total
Barnstable	$1,095 20	$1,620 00	$2,715 20	–	$1,620 00	32	–	–	32
Berkshire	2,300 00	200 00	2,500 00	–	–	69	16	4	89
Bristol	3,000 00	20,824 03	23,824 03	–	–	252	5	2	259
Dukes	631 36	340 00	971 36	639 58	8 40	3	–	–	3
Essex	4,981 00	24,243 31	29,224 31	–	–	198	147	–	345
Franklin	1,601 89	1,470 00	3,071 89	–	–	40	–	–	40
Hampden	3,900 00	9,348 71	13,248 71	–	–	201	–	126	327
Hampshire	1,800 00	2,320 00	4,120 00	–	–	50	1	–	51
Middlesex	4,700 00	37,167 12	41,867 12	–	–	1,633	–	202	1,835
Nantucket	691 01	70 00	761 01	–[1]	–[1]	2	–	–	2
Norfolk	4,100 00	7,915 93	12,015 93	–	–	178	–	44	222
Plymouth	3,958 81	11 00	3,969 81	11 00	–	125	38	19	182
Suffolk	3,000 00	63,337 85	66,337 85	–	–	3,073	–	–	3,073
Worcester	4,100 00	32,470 90	36,570 90	–	–	227	–	556	783
Total	$39,859 27	$201,338 85	$241,198 12	$650 58	$1,628 40	6,083	207	953	7,243

[1] Allowed to retain fees by statute.

Abstract and Tabular Statement of the Returns relative to the Law, Equity, Divorce and Criminal Business of the Superior Court for the Year ending June 30, 1927, in Compliance with General Laws, Chapter 221, Section 24, as amended by Chapter 131 of the Acts of 1924, and by Chapter 64 of the Acts of 1927

(Naturalization Business not included)

Counties	Number Pending at Beginning of Year					Number Entered during Year				Number Actually Tried					Number Disposed of by Agreement of Parties or by Order of Court				Number Marked Inactive during the Year under Rule of Court			
	Civil Cases				Criminal Cases	Civil Cases				Civil Cases				Criminal Cases	Civil Cases				Civil Cases			
	Jury	Jury Waived	Equity	Divorce		Jury	Jury Waived	Equity	Divorce	Jury	Jury Waived	Equity	Divorce		Jury	Jury Waived	Equity	Divorce	Jury	Jury Waived	Equity	Divorce
Barnstable	136	67	41	16	85	71	42	9	2	29	–	–	–	19	24	28	8	–	31	19	17	15
Berkshire	329	117	97	44	154	144	72	24	1	23	3	–	–	9	146	57	16	–	54	34	14	44
Bristol	1,500	306	332	188	1,047	610	284	128	3	136	73	71	2	107	469	121	21	1	309	67	105	181
Dukes	14	15	10	6	6	6	8	1	–	1	1	–	2	1	5	3	2	–	–	–	–	–
Essex	4,020	481	633	266	1,271	1,674	406	220	10	311	61	26	11	323	1,383	232	117	8	729	129	246	248
Franklin	210	81	94	29	24	155	27	25	1	18	3	3	1	8	83	27	15	2	41	28	31	26
Hampden	2,299	736	565	556	563	1,152	480	202	337	203	34	4	272	93	879	324	93	6	479	213	152	69
Hampshire	215	87	57	40	73	99	52	27	1	16	–	–	1	46	74	30	11	4	33	16	12	27
Middlesex	6,795	1,395	936	111	336	3,129	742	437	26	472	43	30	24	654	2,368	430	221	8	1,301	244	298	34
Nantucket	3	3	–	–	–	1	6	–	–	1	2	–	–	10	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Norfolk	1,651	376	195	106	452	766	264	103	9	107	26	61	8	150	578	166	61	10	296	74	37	99
Plymouth	1,024	313	195	140	407	396	142	79	57	87	18	9	39	99	351	74	30	36	248	86	43	108
Suffolk	18,074	4,215	4,014	406	496	9,701	2,162	2,135	104	1,149	380	342	89	935	7,321	1,483	1,545	23	6,266	2,293	1,191	169
Worcester	3,626	761	420	201	303	1,502	423	265	3	295	52	43	3	202	1,348	317	141	1	490	164	76	190
Total	39,896	8,953	7,589	2,109	5,217	19,406	5,110	3,655	554	2,848	696	589	452	2,656	15,029	3,292	2,281	99	10,277	3,367	2,222	1,210

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ABSTRACT AND TABULAR STATEMENT OF THE RETURNS RELATIVE TO THE LAW, EQUITY, DIVORCE AND CRIMINAL BUSINESS OF THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1927, IN COMPLIANCE WITH GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 221, SECTION 24, AS AMENDED BY CHAPTER 131 OF THE ACTS OF 1924, AND BY CHAPTER 64 OF THE ACTS OF 1927—Concluded

(Naturalization Business not included)

Counties	Number Marked Inactive at any Time and Remaining Untried or Undisposed of				Number Pending at End of Year					Number wherein Verdict of Jury in Civil Cases has been set aside by Court on Ground it was Excessive	Criminal Cases				Number of Days during which Court has sat for Hearing				
	Civil Cases				Civil Cases										Civil Cases				
	Jury	Jury Waived	Equity	Divorce	Jury	Jury Waived	Equity	Divorce	Criminal Cases		Number of Indictments Returned	Number of Appealed Cases Entered	Number Disposed of Without Trial	Number wherein New Trial has been Ordered	Jury	Jury Waived	Equity	Divorce	Criminal Cases
Barnstable	29	18	17	15	157	81	42	18	57	–	22	77	108	–	16	–	–	–	8
Berkshire	46	–	–	44	302	130	104	45	169	–	51	116	143	–	33	13[1]	–[1]	–	19
Bristol	235	67	93	179	1,505	396	368	188	1,151	1	359	671	819	–	159	26	12	1	64
Dukes	–	–	–	–	15	19	8	6	3	–	6	7	12	–	3[2]	–	–	–	–
Essex	596	124	243	245	4,182	634	708	267	1,066	–	497	1,273	1,736	–	370	35	23	½	176
Franklin	38	28	31	25	264	78	101	28	30	–	25	21	32	–	15	5	3	2 hrs.	19
Hampden	405	172	140	68	2,385	881	675	662	485	2	216	289	490	–	224	34	25	35	43
Hampshire	33	15	12	27	230	109	73	36	86	–	92	91	135	–	29	1⅘	1/10	1/10	36
Middlesex	1,140	435	285	–	7,556	1,707	1,122	78	180[3]	–	866	1,648	2,016	3	536	73	24	5	394
Nantucket	–	–	–	–	–	4	–	–	–	–	1	9	–	–	4	4	4	–	4
Norfolk	265	68	34	95	1,812	466	237	105	438	2	184	386	434	–	115	22[4]	–[4]	–[4]	90
Plymouth	176	68	42	105	982	363	235	187	417	–	171	380	499	1	90	20[4]	–[4]	–[4]	81
Suffolk	6,257	2,290	1,174	169	20,454	4,894	4,604	325	615	3	983	4,401	4,835	8	1,409	168	299	15	673
Worcester	444	154	71	188	3,555	821	516	200	267	–	457	1,386	1,683	–	358	50	38	1	168
Total	9,664	3,439	2,142	1,160	43,399	10,583	8,793	2,145	4,964	8	3,930	10,755	12,942	12	3,361	451⅘	428 1/10	57⅜ & 2 hrs.	1,775

[1] Including jury waived and equity cases.
[2] Number of days for civil and criminal cases reported as "three days for all classes of cases."
[3] Indictments, 145; appealed cases, 35.
[4] Including equity and divorce cases.

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Year ending November 30, 1928

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY, January 5, 1929.

To the Honorable Senate and the House of Representatives:

I have the honor to submit, in compliance with General Laws, chapter 9, section 17, the annual report of the transactions of this office for the year ending November 30, 1928, the returns of the sheriffs of the several counties of money received by them, and of their attendance upon a court of record and the county commissioners; a report showing the aggregate vote, both affirmative and negative, on every act or part of an act which shall have been referred by the General Court for acceptance or rejection to the voters of the Commonwealth or of any part thereof, or to the city council of any city, during the calendar year 1928; and a record of the work of this Department in respect to public records under chapter 66 of the General Laws.

There is also presented, in compliance with General Laws, chapter 221, section 24, as amended, abstract and tabular statements of the returns of the clerks of the courts for the several counties and the clerks of the Superior Court for civil and for criminal business in Suffolk county; as to civil cases, the number of law, equity, and divorce cases pending at the beginning of each year in the superior court for their respective counties, the number of each of said classes of cases entered during the year, the number of cases of each class disposed of in previous years and brought forward this year, the number of law cases transferred to equity, and the number of equity cases transferred to law, the number of jury, without jury, equity, and divorce cases disposed of during the year, the number of each of these four classes of cases pending at end of the year, the number of each of these classes of cases tried during the year (not including number in which issues were tried to a jury), the number of equity cases in which issues were tried to a jury, the number of jury, without jury, equity, and divorce cases awaiting trial at end of the year, the number of each of said classes of cases marked inactive during the year under rule of the court, and the number of each of said classes of cases marked inactive at any time, pending at end of the year, and subject to dismissal under the rule, and the number of days during which court has sat for hearings or trials with jury and without jury; and, as to criminal cases, the number of such cases remaining at the first of each year in the superior court for their respective counties, the number of indictments returned during the year, the number of appealed cases entered during the year, the number of actions on bail bonds or recognizances entered, the number disposed of in previous years which have been brought forward for redisposition, the number of cases disposed of during the year, the number of cases remaining at end of the year, the number of cases tried during the year, the number awaiting trial at end of the year, and the number of days during which the court has sat in their respective counties for trials, hearings, or dispositions.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

The following table shows, in detail, receipts from fees, etc., all of which were paid into the treasury daily, and quarterly reports thereof made to

the Governor and Council, as required by General Laws, chapter 9, section 1:—

Commissions		$14,700 00
Corporation Certificates		519,073 56
Limited Partnerships		252 00
Labels, Trade-marks, etc.		6,275 00
Sale of Books		43,811 80
Certificates		1,834 00
Military Records		193 20
Copies:		
Corporations	$6,535 60	
Archives	7,502 02	
		14,037 62
Miscellaneous		
Vital Statistics	810 54	
Advance Sheets	476 00	
Miscellaneous	—	1,286 54
		$601,463 72

The total expenses for salaries and incidentals during the year were $125,581.53. It appears, therefore, that there was turned into the treasury of the Commonwealth $475,882.19 over the office expenses.

Commissions

The number of commissions issued during the year ending November 30, 1928, was 3,184 (a decrease of 103 from the preceding year), of which 232 were without fee and 79 became void by reason of the failure of the appointees to take out the commissions or to qualify thereunder. The different classes were as follows:—

Notaries public	2,364
Justices of the peace	555
Special district police officers	21
Trustees, commissioners, etc	101
Public warehousemen	29
Justices of the peace to solemnize marriages	10
Public administrators	22
Masters in chancery	15
Medical examiners	13
Clerks, municipal and district courts	13
Commissioners in other States	5
Justices and special justices, municipal and district courts	8
Associate medical examiners	13
Justices of the peace to issue warrants and take bail	1
Trial justices	4
Commissioners to qualify public officers	2
Ballot Law Commissioner	1
Board of Police, Fall River	2
Finance Commissioner, City of Boston	1
Commissioners in Foreign Countries	1
Justice, Superior Court	1
Sheriff	2
	3,184

Certificates to the number of 8,431 were issued, of which 1,335 were for certificates for which no fees are charged.

Corporation Division

(Rooms 332 and 333)

The total number of certificates of incorporation issued under General Laws to new corporations for the fiscal year ending November 30, 1928, was 3,029—an increase of three hundred and nineteen as compared with the fiscal year ending November 30, 1927. They were classified as follows:—

Trading corporations (under General Laws, chapter 156, section 12)	2,725
Religious, charitable, social, educational, musical, athletic, etc., corporations (under General Laws, chapter 180, section 3)	210
Fraternal beneficiary corporations (under General Laws, chapter 176, section 9)	23
Churches (under General Laws, chapter 67, section 51)	27
Credit unions (under General Laws, chapter 171, section 3)	29
Co-operative banks (under General Laws, chapter 170, section 5)	4
Insurance companies (under General Laws, chapter 175, section 49)	5
Trust companies (under General Laws, chapter 172, section 10)	3
Street railway company (under General Laws, chapter 161, section 136)	1
Safe deposit company (under General Laws, chapter 158, section 2)	1
Electric company (under General Laws, chapter 164, section 5)	1

The number of miscellaneous certificates filed and recorded was 20,428—an increase of 381 as compared with the fiscal year ending November 30, 1927. Of these, 15,179 were certificates of condition of Massachusetts corporations (under General Laws, chapter 158, section 37 and chapter 156, section 47); 2,725 were articles of organization of trading corporations (under General Laws, chapter 156, section 12); 210 were certificates of religious, charitable, social and other organizations (under General Laws, chapter 180); 779 were certificates of issue of capital stock of trading corporations (under General Laws, chapter 156, sections 16 and 17), and the others were distributed among 24 different classes.

The number of miscellaneous certificates filed was 2,099, of which 1,993 were certificates of condition of foreign corporations (under General Laws, chapter 181, section 12), and the others were divided among 13 other classes.

There were issued 37 certificates of change of name of corporations (under General Laws, chapter 155, section 10, and chapter 180, section 11).

Returns were received of the dissolution of 25 corporations by the Supreme Judicial and Superior Courts.

Under the act relating to the incorporation of clubs, charters were refused in 18 cases, 8 charters declared void, and 15 applications for incorporation withdrawn. Under the law relative to change of name of clubs, one such application was withdrawn.

Limited partnership certificates to the number of 27 were filed and recorded.

In the Corporation Division, 3,406 certified copies of the records and certificates were supplied—an increase of 337 as compared with the fiscal year ending November 30, 1927.

Labels, Trade-Marks, etc.

(Room 333)

By General Laws, chapter 110, section 8, which relates to the adoption and registration of labels, trade-marks, stamps and forms of advertisement, the duty is placed upon the Secretary of the Commonwealth of receiving, filing and recording such labels, etc., and of issuing and recording certificates of record. Under this law, labels, trade-marks, stamps and

forms of advertisement were received, and certificates of record issued and recorded, in 241 cases.

Under General Laws, chapter 110, section 8, which provides for the assignment of labels, trade-marks, stamps and forms of advertisement, 10 assignments were received, and certificates of registration issued and recorded.

Insignia of Societies and Labor Unions
(Room 333)

General Laws, chapter 110, section 9, provides for the registration in this office of the insignia, ribbons, badges, rosettes, buttons and emblems of societies, associations and labor unions. Four registrations were received which have been included with the number of labels above given, under General Laws, chapter 110, section 8.

Marks and Devices on Cans, etc.
(Room 333)

Under General Laws, chapter 110, section 21, as amended by chapter 37, Acts of 1924, which provides for the protection of dealers and consumers against the unlawful use and destruction of milk and ice cream cans, jugs, bottles, jars, tubs or cabinets, 17 descriptions of marks, devices, etc., were received and filed.

Vital Statistics Division (Room 334)

Under the provisions of General Laws, chapter 46, section 17, returns of births and marriages from 355 cities and towns and births from the State Infirmary at Tewksbury, for the year 1927, which were received in 1928, cover 82,273 births, and 30,408 marriages, a decrease of 1,229 births and 176 marriages, as compared with the returns of 1926.

Under the provisions of the same law 49,324 certified copies of records of deaths were received, covering the period from January 1, 1927 to December 31, 1927, a decrease of 3,564 as compared with the returns of 1926.

Medical examiners' returns for 1927 cover 7,469, a decrease of 179 as compared with the returns for 1926.

Returns by clerks of courts and registers of probate of the decrees of divorce for 1927 number 4,026, a decrease of 18 as compared with the returns for 1926.

These figures are fully compiled and analyzed in the annual registration report for 1927 (Public Document No. 1), and available September 15, 1928.

During the year 2,715 certificates of birth, 985 certificates of marriage and 874 certificates of death were issued, a total of 4,574. Fees received from these certificates amounted to $810.54.

6,174 abstracts of birth records for school, employment and pension purposes were issued without charge.

There were 3,184 delayed records of birth and corrections of birth records received; 58 corrections of marriage and 15 corrections of death records were also received.

Naturalization Returns

Under the provisions of General Laws, chapter 220, section 19, returns were received of the naturalization of 3,893 persons before the superior courts of the Commonwealth during the year 1927, an increase of 1,564 as compared with the returns of 1926. These returns were indexed and bound in convenient form for reference, as required by law.

Changes of Names of Persons

The returns of 1,309 names, changed in 1927 as decreed by the several probate courts, were received and filed in compliance with the requirements of General Laws, chapter 210, section 12.

Archives Division (Room 438)

There have been made during the past fiscal year 194 military certificates, 35 typewritten copies, and 1,075 photostatic copies (totalling 21,827 prints) of legislative records and files, manuscripts, maps, corporation records, finger prints, soldiers' discharges, etc.; and the following fees were received: military certificates, $194.70; typewritten copies, $31.75; and photostatic copies, $7,468.77; totalling $7,695.22.

Reproduction of Archives

Proceeding as rapidly as can be expected with increasing demand for photostatic work.

Photostat

Constantly employed reproducing archives, maps, manuscripts, corporation records, etc.

Rebinding of Archives

Owing to unsettled conditions no volumes have been bound this year.

Further Protection of the Archives

Owing to there having been three fires within a few years in that portion of the State House in which the Archives (from 1625 to date) is located, effective measures should be taken for further safeguarding the greatest collection (from a legal and historical standpoint) in America. With the lessons of New York and West Virginia before us (in which the Archives and State Library were practically destroyed), a collection which cannot be replaced and commercially is worth at least two million dollars should be guarded carefully.

House Journals, 1715-1780

Vol. IX, 1729-1731, reprinted by the Massachusetts Historical Society, has been purchased and distributed by the Document Division. (Chap. 413, Acts of 1920, and Chap. 164, Acts of 1922.)

Vital Records to 1850

Rowley, compiled by Essex Institute, and Nantucket (deaths) and Taunton (marriages), compiled by the New England Historic Genealogical Society, have been purchased and distributed by the Document Division. (Chap. 562, Acts of 1920, and Chap. 199, Acts of 1922.)

Insolvency Files and Records

Under Chap. 161, Acts of 1928, the insolvency files and records of Suffolk County are to be deposited in this office and will be placed in the Archives storeroom, Room 46, in the annex basement. As it will require 150 metal transfer cases, costing approximately $650, to care properly for the same, an appropriation of $800 will be needed to cover the cost of cases, labor and necessary changes in the arrangement of said storeroom, No. 46.

Public Document Division (Room 118)

During the year 1928 the following publications were received for distribution through the Public Document Division: 64,385 volumes of the Public Document Series, representing 74 reports of the several state departments, boards and commissions; 9,500 copies of the pamphlet edition of the session laws; 9,000 copies of the bound edition of the session laws, commonly called the Blue Book; 600 copies each of the Senate and House Journals, total, 1,200 copies (from the Sergeant-at-Arms); 454 copies each of the Massachusetts Reports, Nos. 257, 258, 259 and 260, total, 1,816 copies; 650 copies of the Sixty-second Annual Encampment, Department of Massachusetts, G. A. R., 1928; 900 copies of the Proceedings of the Twenty-seventh Annual Encampment, Department of Massachusetts, U. S. W. V., 1926; 900 copies of the Proceedings of the Twenty-

eighth Annual Encampment, Department of Massachusetts, U. S. W. V., 1927; 1,800 copies of the Annual Proceedings, The American Legion, Department of Massachusetts, 1927; 800 copies of the Annual Proceedings of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Massachusetts, 1927; 350 copies each of Nantucket Deaths, Vol. 5, Taunton Marriages and Rowley Vital Records, total, 1,050 copies; 300 copies of the Journals of the House of Representatives, Vol. 9, 1729-31; 30 copies of the 1927 report of the Finance Commission for the City of Boston, which copies were received from the above commission; 10,000 copies of the Manual for the Instruction of Applicants for the Police Service of Cities and Towns in Massachusetts; 1,000 copies of the reprint of Volume 1 of the publication "Birds of Massachusetts and Other New England States;" 7,500 copies of Volume 2 of the publication "Birds of Massachusetts and Other New England States;" 600 copies of the Statutes Relating to Credit Unions, amended to Dec. 31, 1927; 1,000 copies of the Opinions of the Attorneys-General, Vol. 6, 1921-22; 50 copies of the 1927 report of the Finance Commission for the City of Lowell, which copies were received from the above commission; 4,000 copies of the Laws Relating to Insurance and Insurance Companies, 1927; 4,000 copies of the 1928 amendments to the Laws Relating to Insurance and Insurance Companies; 1,000 copies of the Bradford's History of Plimoth Plantation;—making a grand total of 121,481 volumes that have passed through this division during the year.

Division of Public Records (Room 252)

Inspections

Under the provisions of General Laws, chapter 66, section 1, there have been made by the Supervisor of Records during the year 1928 inspections of the care, custody, condition and protection against fires of the public records of the departments and offices of the counties, cities and towns as follows:

Acton, Adams, Alford, Andover, Arlington, Ashburnham, Ashby, Ashfield, Athol, Attleboro, Avon, Ayer, Barre, Becket, Belchertown, Bellingham, Berkley, Berlin, Bernardston, Blackstone, Blandford, Bolton, Braintree, Buckland, Cambridge, Canton, Carver, Charlemont, Chelsea, Chester, Chesterfield, Chicopee, Cohasset, Colrain, Cummington, Dalton, Dana, Dedham, Deerfield, Dighton, Dunstable, Egremont, Enfield, Erving, Everett, Fitchburg, Florida, Foxborough, Franklin, Freetown, Gardner, Goshen, Granby, Granville, Great Barrington, Greenwich, Groton, Hadley, Halifax, Hanson, Hardwick, Hatfield, Haverhill, Heath, Hingham, Hinsdale, Holbrook, Holden, Holyoke, Hubbardston, Hudson, Huntington, Kingston, Lakeville, Lancaster, Lanesborough, Lawrence, Lenox, Leominster, Leverett, Leyden, Lincoln, Lowell, Lunenburg, Lynn, Malden, Marblehead, Maynard, Medford, Melrose, Methuen, Middleborough, Middlefield, Millville, Monroe, Monson, Monterey, Mount Washington, New Ashford, New Braintree, New Marlborough, New Salem, Newburyport, North Andover, North Attleborough, Northbridge, Norwood, Orange, Palmer, Pembroke, Pepperell, Petersham, Phillipston, Plainfield, Plainville, Plympton, Princeton, Quincy, Randolph, Raynham, Rehoboth, Revere, Richmond, Rowe, Royalston, Russell, Sandisfield, Scituate, Seekonk, Sharon, Sheffield, Shelburne, Shirley, Shutesbury, Somerset, Somerville, South Hadley, Southwick, Springfield, Stockbridge, Stoughton, Stowe, Sudbury, Swansea, Taunton, Templeton, Tolland, Townsend, Tyringham, Uxbridge, Wakefield, Walpole, Warwick, Wayland, Wendell, West Stockbridge, Westborough, Westford, Westhampton, Westminister, Weston, Westwood, Weymouth, Williamsburg, Williamstown, Winchendon, Winthrop, Woburn, Worthington, Wrentham.

During the year 39 vaults and 8 safes have been approved by this office.

Fires

On the evening of February 2, 1928, fire broke out in the business centre of Fall River, threatening the City Hall. A water curtain saved the hall and its contents. The offices of the State Income Tax Bureau in the Buffington Building were destroyed and many returns were lost. On the evening of February 10, the offices of the District Court of Western Norfolk, at Franklin, were destroyed by fire. No records were lost. On February 29, the Town Hall at Buckland was burned. The records were removed to safety.

On June 4, the store of the Treasurer and Collector of Westport was destroyed by fire and some of his records were lost.

On November 15, the Memorial Town Hall at Shelburne was destroyed by fire. The vault preserved its contents intact; water damaged some law books on the shelves in the court room.

City Halls

The City of Chicopee is erecting an annex to the present City Hall.

Town Halls

The Memorial Municipal Building at Norwood and the Town Office Building at Weymouth are completed and occupied. The town halls at Winthrop and Westborough are nearing completion and will soon be ready for occupancy. Alterations have been made during the year on the following town halls: Andover, Arlington, Cohasset, Methuen, Northbridge, Randolph, Sharon and the Reading Electric Light Department by the construction of vaults. Plans are prepared for a new town hall for Gay Head.

District Courts

A new District Court Building is being erected at Gardner. Improvements are being made at the District Court at Brockton.

Repairing and Binding

Records have been repaired and rebound during the year for the towns of Halifax, Marblehead and Stockbridge; also for the counties of Bristol, Hampden, Hampshire and Suffolk.

Typewriter Ribbons and Stamping Pads

A number of typewriter ribbons are now being tested and if approved, will be published in our next list.

Legislative Counsel and Agents' Expenses

In compliance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 3, Sections 39 to 50 inclusive, relative to legislative counsel and agents' expenses incurred or paid in connection with the promoting or opposing of legislation during the last session of the General Court there were 257 entries made in the dockets, an increase of 47 as compared with 1927.

Returns covering 251 of these entries were received in this office from persons, corporations or associations employing legislative counsel or agents. Six failed to file returns and were therefore reported to the Attorney General. Forty-three returns appeared to be irregular or defective, forty-one of which were later corrected. It therefore was necessary to report the remaining two returns to the Attorney General as required by law.

The total amount reported as paid to legislative counsel and agents was $83,877.24, in addition to this $2,950 represented annual salaries or retainers apportioned and $38,700 unapportioned. Twenty-seven employers stated that they paid nothing.

Proclamations

The proclamations of His Excellency the Governor for the observance of Lincoln Day, Arbor and Bird Day, Flag Day and Thanksgiving Day were printed and distributed under the direction of this office.

Of the Lincoln Day Proclamations 11,000 copies were distributed to churches, schools, institutions, patriotic societies, postmasters and city and town clerks. Of the Arbor and Bird Day and American Forest Week proclamations 10,000 copies were mailed to churches, schools, granges, agricultural societies, institutions, postmasters and city and town clerks. Flag Day proclamations to the number of 11,000 were mailed to churches, schools, postmasters, patriotic societies, institutions and city and town clerks, and 10,000 Thanksgiving proclamations were sent to churches, schools, postmasters and city and town clerks.

In addition to the above, proclamations were printed and distributed as follows: For the observance of Spanish War Memorial Day and Maine Memorial Day, February 15, 1928, 11,000 copies were printed and mailed to churches, schools, institutions, patriotic societies, postmasters and city and town clerks. Fire Prevention Week was designated to include the week of October 7, 1928 and 6,300 copies of the Governor's proclamation were distributed to the fire chiefs of the Commonwealth for churches, schools and post offices. For the observance of "The Safety Period" the Governor issued a proclamation and 15,000 were distributed to churches, schools, postmasters, patriotic societies, institutions and city and town clerks. Of the number printed 4,000 were given to the Registrar of Motor Vehicles to be distributed by that official. "The Safety Period," so called, included October 15 to November 30, 1928. For the observance of Armistice Day, November 11, 1928, 11,000 proclamations were distributed to schools, churches, institutions, patriotic societies, postmasters and city and town clerks.

Proclamations were also issued by the Governor to the press in observance of " Be Kind to Animals Week," April 16 to 21, 1928. Sunday, April 15, 1928, was also designated in proclamations as "National Humane Sunday."

Commutations, Respites, Requisitions, etc.

The number of respites and extensions thereof from death sentence made out and issued during the year was 1; commutations, 2; requisitions upon other States, 241; upon the Secretary of the United States Navy, 2; extradition requests upon foreign countries, 2; and warrants issued upon requisitions from other states, 36.

Rules and Regulations of State Departments

By chapter 30, section 37, General Laws, certain rules and regulations of departments, commissions, boards or officials vested by law with the power to make and issue rules and regulations general in scope, and to be observed or performed under penalty for the violation thereof, shall not take effect until attested copies thereof have been filed with the Secretary of the Commonwealth. Under this law rules and regulations were filed by the following departments during the year 1928: Department of Agriculture, Department of Banking and Insurance, Department of Civil Service and Registration, Department of Conservation, Department of Labor and Industries, Department of Public Health, Department of Public Safety and Department of Public Works.

Miscellaneous

The two reports from this office which form a part of the Public Document series, namely, Returns of Births, Marriages, Divorces, and Deaths (Public Document No. 1) and Returns of Assessed Polls, Registered Voters and Persons who voted, etc. (Public Document No. 43) have been made, as required by law.

FREDERIC W. COOK,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Returns from Cities and Towns relative to Action taken under Certain Provisions of the General Laws

When Received	City or Town	Subject and Reference	Action	Date of Action
1928				
Jan. 10	Newburyport	Licensed boxing matches, G. L. 147, §§ 32–47	Accepted	Dec. 6, 1927
Jan. 16	Malden	Permits for smoke nuisance, G. L. 140, §§ 132–136	Accepted	Apr. 20, 1927
Jan. 16	Malden	Workmen's compensation, 1927, 309, § 12 (G. L. 152, § 69)	Accepted	Nov. 2, 1927
Jan. 20	Revere	Permits for smoke nuisance, G. L. 140, §§ 132–136	Accepted	May 13, 1926
Jan. 21	Everett	Retirement on pension of Spanish and World War veterans, G. L. 32, §§ 56–60	Accepted	Oct. 24, 1927
Jan. 21	Everett	Pensions for public school janitors, 1919, 143	Accepted	Nov. 23, 1927
Feb. 8	Tyngsborough	Road commissioners, 1913, 835, § 409, Part V	Revoked	Mar. 29, 1920
Feb. 8	Tyngsborough	Highway surveyor, 1913, 835, § 402, Part V	Accepted	Mar. 29, 1920
Feb. 8	Tyngsborough	Highway surveyor, 1913, 835, § 402, Part V	Revoked	Apr. 26, 1920
Feb. 16	Webster	Use of official ballots at caucuses, G. L. 53, § 89	Accepted	Feb. 14, 1928
Feb. 17	Shrewsbury	Chief of police under civil service, G. L. 31, § 49	Accepted	Feb. 13, 1928
Mar. 7	Russell	Collection of water rates, 1923, 391	Accepted	Mar. 5, 1928
Mar. 14	Barnstable	Disposition of burnt or dangerous buildings, G. L. 139, §§ 1, 2 & 3	Accepted	Mar. 6, 1928
Mar. 14	Barnstable	Inspection of buildings, G. L. 143, §§ 4–12	Accepted	Mar. 6, 1928
Mar. 15	Barnstable	Highway surveyor, 1907, 560, § 364	Accepted	Mar. 3, 1919
Mar. 15	Barnstable	Town clerk, 1907, 560, § 363	Accepted	Mar. 3, 1919
Mar. 15	Barnstable	Public parks, R. L. 28, §§ 1–14	Accepted	Mar. 3, 1919
Mar. 15	Wilmington	Pensions to families of policemen and firemen, G. L. 32, § 88	Accepted	Mar. 12, 1928
Mar. 16	Cohasset	Civil service for police, G. L. 31, § 48	Accepted	Mar. 10, 1928
Mar. 16	Cohasset	Chief of police under civil service, G. L. 31, § 49	Accepted	Mar. 10, 1928
Mar. 20	Winchendon	Appointment and removal of assistant assessors, G. L. 41, § 25A	Accepted	Mar. 10, 1928
Mar. 21	North Andover	Civil service for police, G. L. 31, § 48	Accepted	Mar. 17, 1928
Mar. 27	Westwood	Planning board, G. L. 41, §§ 70–72	Accepted	Mar. 14, 1927
Mar. 29	Milton	Establishment of fire department, G. L. 48, §§ 42, 43 and 44	Accepted	Mar. 10, 1928
Apr. 5	Hardwick	Sunday sales, G. L. 136, § 7	Accepted	Mar. 10, 1928
Apr. 7	Reading	Pensions for policemen and firemen, G. L. 32, § 85	Accepted	Mar. 20, 1928
Apr. 12	Hull	Public baths and wash houses, G. L. 40, § 12	Accepted	Mar. 12, 1928
Apr. 13	Norwood	Civil service for firemen, G. L. 31, § 48	Accepted	Mar. 28, 1928
Apr. 26	Sudbury	Board of survey, G. L. 41, § 73	Accepted	Mar. 5, 1928
May 3	Malden	Annuities to families of policemen, 1924, 504, § 3 (G. L. 32, § 89)	Accepted	May 1, 1928
May 23	Holyoke	Vacations for municipal laborers, 1927, 131 (G. L. 41, § 111)	Accepted	Apr. 30, 1928
June 12	Carlisle	Inspection of buildings, G. L. 143, § 3	Accepted	June 30, 1925
July 18	Medford	Annuities to families of policemen, 1924, 504, § 3 (G. L. 32, § 89)	Accepted	July 16, 1928
Aug. 11	Wilmington	Inspection of buildings, G. L. 143, §§ 3, 6–12	Accepted	Aug. 6, 1928
Aug. 11	Wilmington	Playgrounds, G. L. 45, § 14	Accepted	Aug. 6, 1928
Aug. 14	Gloucester	Reserve forces in fire departments of cities, 1928, 218	Accepted	Aug. 8, 1928
Nov. 13	Gloucester	Question on adoption of Plan B under G. L. 43 (City Charters)	Rejected	Nov. 6, 1928
Nov. 13	Dedham	Two-platoon system for fire department, G. L. 48, § 59	Accepted	Nov. 6, 1928
Nov. 13	Danvers	Two-platoon system for fire department, G. L. 48, § 59	Rejected	Nov. 6, 1928
Nov. 16	Lawrence	Question on adoption of Plan B under G. L. 43 (City Charters)	Rejected	Nov. 6, 1928
Nov. 16	Fall River	Question on adoption of Plan D under G. L. 43 (City Charters)	Accepted	Nov. 6, 1928
Dec. 18	Arlington	Workmen's compensation fund, 1923, 234 (G. L. 40, § 13A)	Accepted	Mar. 21, 1928
Dec. 26	Chatham	Board of Cemetery Commissioners, G. L. 114, §§ 22–26	Accepted	Nov. 16, 1926

RETURNS RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF CERTAIN SPECIAL ACTS PASSED BY THE GENERAL COURT AND REFERRED TO THE VOTERS, TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF A CITY, TO THE SELECTMEN OF A TOWN, OR THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF A COUNTY

When received	From whom received	Title of Act	Date of Action	Vote	
				Yes	No
1928					
Jan. 11	City Clerk, Attleboro	An Act providing for biennial municipal elections in the city of Attleboro and making certain other changes in the charter of said city (1927, 331)	Dec. 13, 1927	676	636
Jan. 11	City Clerk, Pittsfield	An Act providing for biennial municipal elections in the city of Pittsfield (1927, 161)	Dec. 6, 1927	5,412	1,964
Jan. 16	City Clerk, Malden	An Act providing for the abatement of a public nuisance by the diversion of the waters of Saugus Branch creek in the city of Malden (1927, 234)	June 8, 1927	–[1]	–
Jan. 16	City Clerk, Malden	An Act validating certain acts of Hugh J. Cleary acting as inspector of buildings of the city of Malden and authorizing payment to him of certain salary and expenses (1927, 17)	Feb. 28, 1927	–[1]	–
Jan. 17	City Clerk, Revere	An Act providing for an enclosed athletic field in the city of Revere (1927, 31)	Apr. 22, 1927	–[1]	–
Jan. 18	City Clerk, Newton	An Act authorizing the city of Newton to use for school purposes a certain portion of the Newton Lower Falls playground (1927, 336)	Oct. 26, 1927	–[2]	–
Jan. 18	City Clerk, Northampton	An Act relative to the appointment of the city solicitor of the city of Northampton (1927, 103)	May 19, 1927	–[1]	–
Jan. 18	City Clerk, Lynn	An Act authorizing the city of Lynn to sell certain unused cemetery land (1927, 84)	Apr. 5, 1927	–[1]	–
Jan. 18	City Clerk, Fitchburg	An Act authorizing the city of Fitchburg to pay a certain sum of money on account of the death of a fireman killed in the performance of duty (1927, 329)	Aug. 23, 1927	–[1]	–
Jan. 18	City Clerk, Lowell	An Act authorizing the city of Lowell to appropriate and expend a sum of money for the payment of certain claims of the J. H. Sparks Company for services rendered and materials and supplies furnished in providing ambulance services for the city of Lowell (1927, 330)	May 3, 1927	–[1]	–
Jan. 18	Clerk, Berkshire County Commissioners	An Act providing for certain improvements at the Berkshire County Court House (1927, 233)	May 10, 1927	–[3]	–
Jan. 18	Clerk, Bristol County Commissioners	An Act authorizing the county of Bristol to pay certain sums of money on account of the death of Charles E. Walker, an officer of its prison camp in the city of Attleboro (1927, 152)	Apr. 5, 1927	–[4]	–
Jan. 18	Assistant Clerk, Middlesex County Commissioners	An Act to provide additional accommodations at the Registry of Deeds and Probate Building at Cambridge (1927, 197)	May 13, 1927	–[5]	–
Jan. 20	City Clerk, Chicopee	An Act subjecting the office of chief of the fire department of the city of Chicopee to the civil service laws (1927, 121)	Dec. 6, 1927	3,184	4,006
Jan. 20	City Clerk, Chicopee	An Act providing for a fire commission in the city of Chicopee (1927, 218)	Dec. 6, 1927	2,789	3,898
Jan. 20	Town Clerk, Falmouth	An Act authorizing the town of Falmouth to use for fire department purposes a certain parcel of land therein, sometime used for park purposes (1927, 32)	Feb. 24, 1927	–[6]	–
Jan. 21	City Clerk, Everett	An Act subjecting the office of city engineer of the city of Everett to the civil service laws (1927, 136)	May 6, 1927	–[1]	–
Jan. 21	City Clerk, Everett	An Act establishing the Everett Stadium and Athletic Field Commission in the city of Everett and authorizing said commission to acquire, maintain, manage and develop a stadium and athletic field in said city (1927, 319)	May 16, 1927	–[1]	–
Jan. 21	City Clerk, Beverly	An Act authorizing the city of Beverly to compensate the members of its board of aldermen (1927, 279)	Dec. 13, 1927	883	2,131
Jan. 23	City Clerk, Leominster	An Act amending the charter of the city of Leominster in respect to veto power and salary of the mayor, removal of city clerk, election of superintendent of schools and holding of preliminary municipal elections (1927, 208)	Dec. 6, 1927	1,359	1,473
Jan. 24	City Clerk, Salem	An Act placing the office of city marshal in the city of Salem under the civil service laws (1927, 253)	Dec. 6, 1927	3,937	6,860
Jan. 25	Secretary, Board of Trustees, Grammar School in the easterly part of the town of Roxbury, Roxbury	An Act to enlarge the authority of the Trustees of the Grammar School in the easterly part of the town of Roxbury (1927, 214)	June 16, 1927	–[7]	–
Jan. 25	Town Clerk, Marion	An Act relative to the transportation of school children at public expense by the New Bedford and Onset Street Railway Company in the towns of Bourne, Marion, Mattapoisett, Middleborough, Rochester and Wareham (1927, 9)	Mar. 7, 1927	107	0

Jan. 26	Town Clerk, Mattapoisett	An Act relative to the transportation of school children at public expense by the New Bedford and Onset Street Railway Company in the towns of Bourne, Marion, Mattapoisett, Middleborough, Rochester and Wareham (1927, 9)	Mar. 18, 1927	–[8]	–
Jan. 26	Town Clerk, Rochester	An Act relative to the transportation of school children at public expense by the New Bedford and Onset Street Railway Company in the towns of Bourne, Marion, Mattapoisett, Middleborough, Rochester and Wareham (1927, 9)	Mar. 7, 1927	–[8]	–
Jan. 26	Church Clerk, First Church of Christ, Congregational, Springfield	An Act providing for the consolidation of the First Church and of the Parish of the First Church of Christ, Congregational, in Springfield, Massachusetts (1927, 171)	Sept. 22, 1927	32	0
Jan. 26	Church Clerk, Parish of the First Church of Christ, Congregational, Springfield	An Act providing for the consolidation of the First Church and of the Parish of the First Church of Christ, Congregational, in Springfield, Massachusetts (1927, 171)	Sept. 22, 1927	23	0
Jan. 27	Town Clerk, Wareham	An Act relative to the transportation of school children at public expense by the New Bedford and Onset Street Railway Company in the towns of Bourne, Marion, Mattapoisett, Middleborough, Rochester and Wareham (1927, 9)	Mar. 7, 1927	75	10
Jan. 28	Town Clerk, Marshfield	An Act relative to the improvement of Ocean Street in the town of Marshfield (1927, 249)	July 18, 1927	89	2
Jan. 28	Town Clerk, Marshfield	An Act authorizing the town of Marshfield to borrow additional money for water supply purposes and relative to the acquisition by said town of the franchises and property of certain water companies (1927, 271)	Aug. 15, 1927	337	22
Jan. 30	Town Clerk, Middleborough	An Act relative to the transportation of school children at public expense by the New Bedford and Onset Street Railway Company in the towns of Bourne, Marion, Mattapoisett, Middleborough, Rochester and Wareham (1927, 9)	Mar. 7, 1927	–[8]	–
Feb. 1	City Clerk, Somerville	An Act to establish the salary of members of the board of aldermen of the city of Somerville (1927, 47)	Nov. 8, 1927	11,226	9,059
Feb. 1	Clerk, Millers Falls Fire and Water District	An Act changing the name of the Millers Falls Water Supply District to the Millers Falls Fire and Water District, and providing for adequate fire protection in said district (1927, 318)	June 8, 1927	27	0
Mar. 1	Secretary, Norfolk County Commissioners	An Act providing for certain improvements at the Norfolk County Tuberculosis Hospital (1928, 53)	Feb. 29, 1928	–[9]	–
Mar. 13	City Clerk, Somerville	An Act relative to a board of appeals in the city of Somerville with relation to its general building ordinances (1928, 49)	Mar. 8, 1928	–[2]	–
Mar. 15	Assistant City Clerk, Boston	An Act establishing the salaries of the principal assessors of the city of Boston (1928, 100)	Mar. 13, 1928	–[1]	–
Mar. 15	Town Clerk, Wilmington	An Act authorizing the town of Wilmington and the town of Tewksbury to pay certain sums of money on account of the deaths of certain firemen killed in the performance of duty (1928, 83)	Mar. 12, 1928	–[8]	–
Mar. 19	City Clerk, Revere	An Act relative to the filling of vacancies in the school committee of the city of Revere (1928, 79)	Mar. 15, 1928	–[1]	–
Mar. 22	City Clerk, Springfield	An Act authorizing the city of Springfield to acquire land in the towns of Longmeadow and East Longmeadow for Public Park or Playground Purposes (1928, 71)	Mar. 19, 1928	–[1]	–
Mar. 27	Town Clerk, Westwood	An Act to authorize the town of Westwood to supply itself and its inhabitants with water (1925, 119)	Mar. 12, 1928	–	–[10]
Mar. 30	City Clerk, Haverhill	An Act authorizing the city of Haverhill to reimburse Albert L. Bartlett for expenses incurred on account of action taken as an official thereof (1928, 95)	Mar. 29, 1928	–[11]	–
Mar. 31	Town Clerk, Marblehead	An Act providing for the regulation of the speed of motor and other boats in the harbor of Marblehead (1928, 15)	Mar. 22, 1928	–[8]	–
Mar. 31	Town Clerk, Marblehead	An Act relative to expenditures by the town of Marblehead for municipal advertising purposes (1928, 37)	Mar. 22, 1928	–[8]	–
Apr. 6	Town Clerk, Falmouth	An Act establishing a town manager form of government for the town of Falmouth (1927, 333)	Feb. 16, 1928	525	850
Apr. 7	City Clerk, Lowell	An Act authorizing the city of Lowell to pay a certain sum of money on account of the death of a fireman caused by injuries received and illness contracted in the performance of duty (1928, 86)	Apr. 5, 1928	–[1]	–
Apr. 11	Secretary, Norfolk County Commissioners	An Act authorizing the county of Norfolk to borrow money for court house purposes (1928, 105)	Apr. 10, 1928	–[9]	–
Apr. 21	Assistant City Clerk, Boston	An Act equalizing the salaries of the clerks and assistant clerks of the municipal court of the city of Boston (1928, 233)	Apr. 20, 1928	–[1]	–

RETURNS RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF CERTAIN SPECIAL ACTS PASSED BY THE GENERAL COURT AND REFERRED TO THE VOTERS, TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF A CITY, TO THE SELECTMEN OF A TOWN, OR THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF A COUNTY—*Concluded*

When received	From whom received	Title of Act	Date of Action	Vote	
				Yes	No
1928					
Apr. 25	Assistant City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the appointment of an additional court officer for the municipal court of the Roxbury district of the city of Boston (1928, 198)	Apr. 24, 1928	–1	–
Apr. 30	City Clerk, Somerville	An Act establishing a board of election commissioners in the city of Somerville (1928, 82)	Apr. 12, 1928	–2	–
May 8	Assistant City Clerk, Boston	An Act establishing the salaries of the justice, clerk and assistant clerks of the municipal court of the Charlestown district (1928, 256)	May 4, 1928	–1	–
May 9	Assistant City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the city of Boston to pay a sum of money to the widow of Walter E. Murphy (1928, 276)	May 8, 1928	–1	–
May 10	Assistant Clerk, Plymouth County Commissioners	An Act authorizing certain improvements in the county court house in the city of Brockton (1928, 286)	May 8, 1928	–12	–
May 18	Clerk, Barnstable County Commissioners	An Act relative to the health officers of Barnstable County (1928, 193)	May 3, 1928	–13	–
May 19	City Clerk, Somerville	An Act transferring certain drivers of patrol wagons and ambulances of the police department of the city of Somerville to the rank of regular officers of said department (1928, 142)	Apr. 28, 1928	–2	–
June 6	Assistant Clerk, Plymouth County Commissioners	An Act authorizing the county of Plymouth to pay compensation to the widow of William H. Ricker (1928, 352)	June 5, 1928	–12	–
June 6	Hampshire County Commissioners	An Act authorizing the county of Hampshire to provide adequate court house accommodations in the city of Northampton (1928, 230)	May 18, 1928	–14	–
June 7	Acting Secretary, Massachusetts Home Missionary Society	An Act amending the charter of the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society (1928, 152)	May 21, 1928	–15	–
June 8	Assistant City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the city of Boston to pay a sum of money to Louise H. Young (1928, 346)	June 5, 1928	–1	–
June 14	Assistant City Clerk, Boston	An Act providing for additional special justices of the municipal court of the city of Boston and additional assistant clerks for civil business in said court, and establishing the salary of the messenger of said court (1928, 334)	June 11, 1928	–1	–
June 20	Assistant Clerk, Plymouth County Commissioners	An Act increasing the amount which may be expended in the improvement of Ocean Street in the town of Marshfield (1928, 374)	June 19, 1928	–12	–
June 22	Secretary, Norfolk County Commissioners	An Act increasing the amount that may be expended for certain improvements at the Norfolk County Tuberculosis Hospital (1928, 378)	June 19, 1928	–9	–
June 25	City Clerk, Lowell	An Act authorizing the city of Lowell to appropriate a sum of money for the payment of a certain claim of Leslie O. Cummings for services rendered (1928, 318)	June 22, 1928	–1	–
June 26	Selectmen, Marshfield	An Act increasing the amount which may be expended in the improvement of Ocean Street in the town of Marshfield (1928, 374)	June 25, 1928	–6	–
June 30	City Clerk, Newton	An Act providing retirement allowances based on annuity and pension contributions for employees of the city of Newton (1928, 355)	June 22, 1928	–16	–
July 13	Clerk, Salisbury Drainage District	An Act relative to the Salisbury Drainage District (1928, 365)	June 19, 1928	–17	–
July 14	City Clerk, Pittsfield	An Act to provide for the redivision of the city of Pittsfield into wards and voting precincts in the current year (1928, 196)	May 17, 1928	–1	–
July 28	Town Clerk, Prescott	An Act relative to the powers and duties of the Metropolitan District Water Supply Commission in the town of Prescott (1928, 340)	June 25, 1928	17	2
July 31	Clerk, Bristol County Commissioners	An Act providing for an addition to the Bristol County Tuberculosis Hospital (1928, 348)	July 31, 1928	–4	–
Aug. 10	Assistant City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the city of Boston to pay a certain sum of money to the widow of John J. Heffernan (1928, 329)	Aug. 7, 1928	–1	–
Aug. 24	Assistant City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the city of Boston to borrow and to raise by taxation money for hospital purposes (1928, 237)	Aug. 21, 1928	–1	–

Sept. 11	Town Clerk, Rockport	An Act relative to expenditures by the town of Rockport for municipal advertising purposes (1928, 38)	Aug. 22, 1928	41	0
Sept. 12	Clerk, Eastern Massachusetts Street Railway Company	An Act relative to the Eastern Massachusetts Street Railway Company (1928, 298)	Sept. 11, 1928	–[18]	–
Sept. 18	Clerk, Dukes County Commissioners	An Act authorizing the county of Dukes County to borrow money for the purpose of contributing to the cost of the construction of a highway in the towns of West Tisbury and Chilmark (1928, 134)	Sept. 11, 1928	–[19]	–
Sept. 29	City Clerk, Worcester	An Act authorizing the city of Worcester to use a part of University Park in said city for street purposes (1928, 48)	Sept. 26, 1928	–[1]	–
Oct. 17	Assistant Clerk, Middlesex County Commissioners	An Act authorizing an appropriation by the County of Middlesex toward the reconstruction of Washington Street bridge over the Charles River at the Lower Falls in the city of Newton (1928, 398)	Oct. 16, 1928	–[5]	–
Oct. 25	Assistant Clerk, Worcester County Commissioners	An Act authorizing the county of Worcester to raise and expend money for the purpose of providing a tuberculosis hospital for the Worcester County Tuberculosis Hospital District (1928, 368)	Oct. 19, 1928	–[20]	–
Oct. 26	Secretary, Middlesex County Commissioners	An Act authorizing the county of Middlesex to provide adequate accommodations for the House of Correction of said county (1928, 376)	Oct. 23, 1928	–[5]	–
Nov. 15	Town Clerk, Winchester	An Act to establish in the town of Winchester representative town government by limited town meetings (1928, 167)	Nov. 6, 1928	3,065	1,716
Nov. 16	Lowell Election Commission, Lowell	An Act providing for party nominations for elective municipal officers in the city of Lowell (1928, 101)	Nov. 6, 1928	16,354	7,903
Nov. 16	Lowell Election Commission, Lowell	An Act providing for biennial municipal elections in the city of Lowell (1928, 219)	Nov. 6, 1928	16,497	6,712
Nov. 16	City Clerk, Fall River	An Act providing for municipal primaries in the city of Fall River (1928, 242)	Nov. 6, 1928	15,305	6,095
Nov. 16	City Clerk, Chicopee	An Act authorizing the city of Chicopee to establish a board of public works (1928, 153)	Nov. 6, 1928	4,318	5,158
Nov. 19	City Clerk, Fitchburg	An Act providing for biennial municipal elections in the city of Fitchburg (1928, 145)	Nov. 6, 1928	7,644	2,978
Nov. 19	City Clerk, Everett	An Act providing for a two-year term of office for the mayor of the city of Everett (1928, 349)	Nov. 6, 1928	8,866	4,315
Nov. 20	Cambridge	An Act relative to the salary of the Mayor of the city of Cambridge (1928, 54)	Nov. 6, 1928	17,140	9,834
Nov. 20	Chelsea	An Act providing for biennial municipal elections in the city of Chelsea and making certain other changes in the charter of said city (1928, 375)	Nov. 6, 1928	5,179	2,027
Nov. 22	Woburn	An Act providing for biennial municipal elections in the city of Woburn (1928, 194)	Nov. 6, 1928	3,136	2,623
Dec. 4	Deputy Assistant Clerk, Essex County Commissioners	An Act relative to the assessments for the reconstruction of the East Saugus bridge over the Saugus River between the town of Saugus and the city of Lynn (1928, 75)	Mar. 6, 1928	–[21]	–
Dec. 4	Deputy Assistant Clerk, Essex County Commissioners	An Act authorizing the county commissioners of the county of Essex to borrow money for the purpose of constructing and equipping buildings for the Essex County Industrial Farm at Middleton (1928, 342)	July 10, 1928	–[21]	–
Dec. 11	City Clerk, Gardner	An Act subjecting the office of chief of the fire department of the city of Gardner to the civil service laws (1928, 258)	Dec. 4, 1928	2,967	557
Dec. 17	City Clerk, New Bedford	An Act to permit certain sports and games on the Lord's Day (1928, 406)	Dec. 14, 1928	–[1]	–
Dec. 24	City Clerk, Revere	An Act to permit certain sports and games on the Lord's Day (1928, 406)	Dec. 21, 1928	–[1]	–
Dec. 31	City Clerk, Brockton	An Act to permit certain sports and games on the Lord's Day (1928, 406)	Dec. 27, 1928	–[1]	–
Dec. 31	City Clerk, Boston	An Act to permit certain sports and games on the Lord's Day (1928, 406)	Dec. 28, 1928	–[1]	–
Dec. 31	City Clerk, Lynn	An Act authorizing the city of Lynn to use certain park land for school purposes (1928, 96)	Dec. 28, 1928	–[22]	–

[1] Accepted by the city council.
[2] Accepted by the board of aldermen.
[3] Accepted by the county commissioners of Berkshire County.
[4] Accepted by the county commissioners of Bristol County.
[5] Accepted by the county commissioners of Middlesex County.
[6] Accepted by the board of selectmen.
[7] Accepted by a majority of the trustees.
[8] Adopted by unanimous vote.
[9] Accepted by the county commissioners of Norfolk County.
[10] Rejected by the voters of the town.
[11] Accepted by the municipal council.
[12] Accepted by the county commissioners of Plymouth County.
[13] Accepted by the county commissioners of Barnstable County.
[14] Accepted by the county commissioners of Hampshire County.
[15] Accepted by the corporation.
[16] Accepted by the mayor and board of aldermen.
[17] Accepted by the proprietors of the Salisbury Drainage District.
[18] Accepted by the stockholders of the Eastern Massachusetts Street Railway Company.
[19] Accepted by the county commissioners of Dukes County.
[20] Accepted by the county commissioners of Worcester County.
[21] Accepted by the county commissioners of Essex County.
[22] Accepted by the board of park commissioners and the city council.

ABSTRACT OF THE RETURNS OF THE SHERIFFS OF THE SEVERAL COUNTIES OF THE COMMONWEALTH FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1928, IN COMPLIANCE WITH GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 37, SECTION 23

COUNTIES	Amount of Money Received					Number of Days' Attendance			
	From County Treasurer	From All Other Sources	Total	For Fees in Civil Processes	For Fees in Criminal Processes	Upon the Court	Upon County Commissioners	Upon More than One Tribunal Simultaneously	Total
Barnstable	$1,105 40	$585 00	$1,690 40	–	$585 00	24	–	–	24
Berkshire	3,300 00	555 00	3,855 00	–	–	74	16	4	94
Bristol	4,284 40	17,476 81	21,761 21	–	–	169	4	6	179
Dukes	610 50	730 57	1,341 07	$380 57	–	3	–	–	3
Essex	4,200 00	23,487 35	27,687 35	–	–	202	–	130	332
Franklin	1,590 89	960 00	2,550 89	–	–	45	–	–	45
Hampden	3,900 00	14,874 91	18,774 91	5 00	–	218	71	156	445
Hampshire	1,800 00	1,570 00	3,370 00	–	–	64	1	–	65
Middlesex	4,700 00	31,177 15	35,877 15	–	–	1,486	–	208	1,694
Nantucket	824 68	–	824 68	–[1]	–[1]	2	–	–	2
Norfolk	3,800 00	7,552 35	11,352 35	–	–	223	–	49	272
Plymouth	3,817 26	–	3,817 26	–	–	133	34	23	190
Suffolk	3,000 00	63,398 62	66,398 62	–	–	2,937	–	–	2,937
Worcester	4,200 00	22,982 40	27,182 40	–	–	231	–	570	801
Total	$41,133 13	$185,350 16	$226,483 29	$385 57	$585 00	5,811	126	1,146	7,083

[1] Allowed to retain fees by statute.

ABSTRACT AND TABULAR STATEMENT OF THE RETURNS RELATIVE TO THE LAW, EQUITY, DIVORCE AND CRIMINAL BUSINESS OF THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1928, IN COMPLIANCE WITH GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 221, SECTION 24, AS AMENDED. (Naturalization Business not included.)

Counties	Civil Cases																							
	Number Pending at Beginning of Year			Number of New Cases Entered During the Year			Number Disposed of in Previous Years and Brought Forward This Year			Number Transferred from Law to Equity	Number Transferred from Equity to Law	Number Finally Disposed of				Number Pending at End of Year, Including Pending Inactive Cases				Number Tried during Year				Number of Equity Cases in which Issues were Tried to a Jury
												Law		Equity	Divorce and Nullity	Law		Equity	Divorce and Nullity	Law		Equity [1]	Divorce and Nullity	
	Law	Equity	Divorce and Nullity	Law	Equity	Divorce and Nullity	Law	Equity	Divorce and Nullity			Jury	Without Jury			Jury	Without Jury			Jury	Without Jury			
Barnstable	236	41	20	177	19	–	–	–	–	–	–	67	37	8	–	208	101	52	20	8	1	1	–	–
Berkshire	430	103	45	241	28	1	–	–	–	–	–	108	54	21	2	370	139	110	44	22	8	3	1	–
Bristol	1,984	368	191	1,150	129	2	–	–	–	–	–	539	172	51	2	1,893	530	446	191	111	20	54	3	1
Dukes	37	6	8	22	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	4	9	–	–	24	22	7	9	2	–	–	–	–
Essex	4,816	708	267	2,705	217	10	–	–	–	–	1	1,468	283	115	9	4,960	811	810	268	309	67	22	11	–
Franklin	342	101	28	176	17	1	1	–	–	–	–	146	24	16	4	257	92	102	25	38	2	16	4	–
Hampden	3,229	676	629	1,862	200	334	–	–	–	–	1[3]	915	366	124	283	2,883	927	751	680	183	30	21	253	–
Hampshire	337	74	35	167	16	4	–	–	–	–	–	96	24	5	–	271	113	85	39	30	1	1	2	–
Middlesex	9,263	1,122	95	5,107	424	14	36	–	–	2	2	2,876	623	246	39	9,192	1,715	1,300	70	447	81	36	34	–
Nantucket	4	–	–	11	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	6	–	–	1	8	1	–	–	–	–	–	–
Norfolk	2,243	237	113	1,400	103	3	4	–	–	1[3]	–	658	194	55	7	2,231	565	285	109	163	23	12	3	–
Plymouth	1,345	235	187	621	56	57	–	–	–	1[3]	–	398	77	36	61	1,139	352	255	183	63	9	19	44	–
Suffolk	25,348	4,604	325	16,270	1,906	40	22	–	–	14[3]	9[3]	9,308	1,583	1,084	67	25,009	5,749	5,440	298	1,053	350	404	43	12
Worcester	4,376	516	200	2,642	261	2	–	–	–	–	–	1,467	350	198	3	4,288	913	579	199	243	77	90	4	–
Total	53,990	8,791	2,143	32,551	3,378	469	63	–	–	18	13	18,050	3,802	1,959	477	52,726	12,037	10,223	2,135	2,672	669	679	402	13

ABSTRACT AND TABULAR STATEMENT OF THE RETURNS RELATIVE TO THE LAW, EQUITY, DIVORCE AND CRIMINAL BUSINESS OF THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1928, IN COMPLIANCE WITH GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 221, SECTION 24, AS AMENDED. (Naturalization Business not included.)—Concluded

Counties	Civil Cases														Criminal Cases									
	Number Awaiting Trial at End of Year				Number Marked Inactive During the Year Under Rule of the Court				Number Marked Inactive at Any Time, Pending at End of Year, and Subject to Dismissal under the Rule.				Number of Days during which Court has Sat for Hearings or Trials		Number Remaining at First of Year	Number of Indictments Returned	Number of Appeal Cases	Number of Actions on Bail Bonds or Recognizances Entered	Number Disposed of in previous Years, Brought Forward for Redisposition	Number Disposed of during Year	Number Remaining at End of Year	Number Tried During Year	Number Awaiting Trial at End of Year	Number of Days during which Court has Sat for Trials, Hearings or Dispositions
	Law		Equity	Divorce and Nullity	Law		Equity	Divorce and Nullity	Law		Equity	Divorce and Nullity												
	Jury	Without Jury			Jury	Without Jury			Jury	Without Jury			Jury	Without Jury										
Barnstable	208	101	52	20	29	11	–	–	42	27	18	15	12	1	55	38	66	–	–	90	69	15	49	10
Berkshire	360	137	107	44	50	17	17	–	98	52	32	41	34	17	174	53	55	–	1	164	119	16	95	14
Bristol	1,825	410	409	187	247	44	188	1	460	101	150	186	151	28	1,151	280	702	51	–	1,129	1,055	71	794	80
Dukes	–	–	–	–	3	18	4	–	3	18	4	–	–[2]	–[2]	9	1	8	–	1	9	10	–	–	2
Essex	4,797	789	801	265	599	81	103	5	1,141	197	345	252	367	59	1,066	399	1,253	35	17	2,229	541	258	400	196
Franklin	139	21	24	1	16	15	11	1	54	38	40	24	27	2	24	17	41	–	2	60	24	9	19	13
Hampden	2,664	882	722	466	305	115	120	101	660	294	246	126	217	102	449	221	256	37	4	677	290	65	283	69
Hampshire	243	99	38	37	46	23	11	5	63	34	20	31	27½	4	75	47	116	–	11	119	130	24	111	15½
Middlesex	9,053	1,641	1,289	59	1,549	311	150	19	2,318	461	451	29	517	64	336	1,108	1,484	14	29	2,570	401	532	362	308
Nantucket	–	7	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	–	–	4	–	–	4	–	4	–	1
Norfolk	2,196	563	283	109	316	62	36	4	523	126	62	99	150	25	438	204	396	4	27	871	198	114	198	97
Plymouth	1,073	268	82	162	174	73	30	10	308	141	70	112	87	22	381	286	341	4	72	916	168	79	116	75
Suffolk	24,179	4,821	5,072	265	2,015	565	965	39	8,026	2,818	2,081	199	1,548	776	615	1,009	4,712	92	758	6,352	834	859	565	683
Worcester	4,165	861	548	197	784	176	73	4	1,108	315	139	192	236	135	269	342	1,021	50	50	1,574	158	146	120	165
Total	50,902	10,600	9,428	1,812	6,133	1,511	1,708	189	14,804	4,622	3,658	1,306	3,374½	1,236	5,042	4,005	10,455	287	972	16,764	3,997	2,192	3,112	1,728½

[1] Not including number in which issues were tried to a jury. [2] No separate trials, court sits about two or three days. [3] Also counted as finally disposed of.

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Office of the Secretary, January 5, 1930.

To the Honorable Senate and the House of Representatives:

I have the honor to submit, in compliance with General Laws, chapter 9, section 17, the annual report of the transactions of this office for the year ending November 30, 1929, the returns of the sheriffs of the several counties of money received by them, and of their attendance upon a court of record and the county commissioners; a report showing the aggregate vote, both affirmative and negative, on every act or part of an act which shall have been referred by the General Court for acceptance or rejection to the voters of the Commonwealth or of any part thereof, or to the city council of any city, during the calendar year 1929; and a record of the work of this Department in respect to public records under chapter 66 of the General Laws.

There is also presented, in compliance with General Laws, chapter 221, section 24, as amended, abstract and tabular statements of the returns of the clerks of the courts for the several counties and the clerks of the Superior Court for civil and for criminal business in Suffolk county; as to civil cases, the number of law, equity and divorce cases pending at the beginning of each year in the Superior Court for their respective counties, the number of each of said classes of cases entered during the year, the number of cases of each class disposed of in previous years and brought forward this year, the number of law cases transferred to equity, and the number of equity cases transferred to law, the number of jury, without jury, equity, and divorce cases disposed of during the year, the number of each of these four classes of cases pending at end of the year, the number of each of these classes of cases tried during the year (not including number in which issues were tried to a jury), the number of equity cases in which issues were tried to a jury, the number of jury, without jury, equity, and divorce cases awaiting trial at end of the year, the number of each of said classes of cases marked inactive during the year under rule of the court, and the number of each of said classes of cases marked inactive at any time, pending at end of the year, and subject to dismissal under the rule, and the number of days during which court has sat for hearings or trials with jury and without jury; and, as to criminal cases, the number of such cases remaining at the first of each year in the superior court for their respective counties, the number of indictments returned during the year, the number of appealed cases entered during the year, the number of actions on bail bonds or recognizances entered, the number disposed of in previous years which have been brought forward for redisposition, the number of cases disposed of during the year, the number of cases remaining at end of the year, the number of cases tried during the year, the number awaiting trial at end of the year, and the number of days during which the court has sat in their respective counties for trials, hearings, or dispositions.

Receipts and Expenditures

The following table shows, in detail, receipts from fees, etc., all of which were paid into the treasury daily, and quarterly reports thereof made to the Governor and Council, as required by General Laws, chapter 9, section 1:—

Commissions		$16,075 00
Corporation Certificates		643,277 19
Limited Partnerships		330 00
Labels, Trade-marks, etc.		6,075 00
Sale of Books, etc.		19,309 85
Certificates		3,516 50
Military Records		181 60
Copies:		
Corporations	$9,919 10	
Archives	7,490 92	
		17,410 02
Miscellaneous		
Vital Statistics	$1,412 89	
Advance Sheets	522 00	1,934 89
		$708,110 05

The total expenses for salaries and incidentals during the year were $133,199.81. It appears, therefore, that there was turned into the treasury of the Commonwealth $574,910.24 over the office expenses.

Commissions

The number of commissions issued during the year ending November 30, 1929, was 3,584 (an increase of 400 from the preceding year), of which 369 were without fee and 62 became void by reason of the failure of the appointees to take out the commissions or to qualify thereunder. The different classes were as follows:—

Notaries public	2,611
Justices of the peace	562
Special district police officers	24
Trustees, commissioners, etc.	202
Public warehousemen	23
Justices of the peace to solemnize marriages	19
Public administrators	12
Masters in chancery	17
Medical examiners	9
Clerks, municipal and district courts	16
Commissioners in other States	3
Justices and special justices, municipal and district courts	21
Associate medical examiners	12
Justices of the peace to issue warrants and take bail	8
Trial justices	3
Commissioners to qualify public officers	3
Ballot Law Commissioner	1
Board of Police, Fall River	1
Finance Commission, City of Boston	2
Register of Probate and Insolvency	1
Justices, Superior Court	5
Sheriff	1
Judges of Probate and Insolvency	3
Special Judge of Probate and Insolvency	1
Justice, Supreme Court	1
Board of Excise, City of Chelsea	2
Licensing Board, City of Boston	1
Supervisors of Election, City of Chelsea	20
	3,584

Certificates to the number of 8,056 were issued, of which 1,024 were for certificates for which no fees are charged.

Corporation Division (Rooms 332 and 333)

The total number of certificates of incorporation issued under General Laws to new corporations for the fiscal year ending November 30, 1929, was 2,998—a decrease of thirty-one as compared with the fiscal year ending November 30, 1928. They were classified as follows:—

Trading corporations (under General Laws, chapter 156, section 12)	2,723
Religious, charitable, social, educational, musical, athletic, etc., corporations (under General Laws, chapter 180, section 3)	208
Fraternal beneficiary corporations (under General Laws, chapter 176, section 9)	12
Churches (under General Laws, chapter 67, section 51)	21
Credit unions (under General Laws, chapter 171, section 3)	24
Co-operative bank (under General Laws, chapter 170, section 5)	1
Insurance companies (under General Laws, chapter 175, section 49)	2
Trust companies (under General Laws, chapter 172, section 10)	5
Gas companies (under General Laws, chapter 164, section 5)	2

The number of miscellaneous certificates filed and recorded was 21,407—an increase of 979 as compared with the fiscal year ending November 30. 1928. Of these, 16,099 were certificates of condition of Massachusetts corporations (under General Laws, chapter 158, section 37 and chapter 156, section 47); 2,723 were articles of organization of trading corporations (under General Laws, chapter 156, section 12); 208 were certificates of religious, charitable, social and other organizations (under General Laws, chapter 180); 810 were certificates of issue of capital stock of trading corporations (under General Laws, chapter 156, sections 16 and 17), and the others were distributed among 28 different classes.

The number of miscellaneous certificates filed was 2,202, of which 2,089 were certificates of condition of foreign corporations (under General Laws, chapter 181, section 12), and the others were divided among 11 other classes.

There were issued 37 certificates of change of name of corporations (under General Laws, chapter 155, section 10, and chapter 180, section 11).

Returns were received of the dissolution of 38 corporations by the Supreme Judicial and Superior Courts.

Under the act relating to the incorporation of clubs, charters were refused in 14 cases, 4 charters declared void, and 6 applications for incorporation withdrawn.

Limited partnership certificates to the number of 33 were filed and recorded.

In the Corporation Division, 3,846 certified copies of the records and certificates were supplied—an increase of 440 as compared with the fiscal year ending November 30, 1928.

Labels, Trade-Marks, etc. (Room 333)

By General Laws, chapter 110, section 8, which relates to the adoption and registration of labels, trade-marks, stamps and forms of advertisement, the duty is placed upon the Secretary of the Commonwealth of receiving, filing and recording such labels, etc., and of issuing and recording certificates of record. Under this law, labels, trade-marks, stamps and forms of advertisement were received, and certificates of record issued and recorded, in 219 cases.

Under General Laws, chapter 110, section 8, which provides for the assignment of labels, trade-marks, stamps and forms of advertisement, 24 assignments were received, and certificates of registration issued and recorded.

Insignia of Societies and Labor Unions (Room 333)

General Laws, chapter 110, section 9, provides for the registration in this office of the insignia, ribbons, badges, rosettes, buttons and emblems of societies, associations and labor unions. One registration was received which has been included with the number of labels above given, under General Laws, chapter 110, section 8.

Marks and Devices on Cans, etc. (Room 333)

By General Laws, chapter 110, section 17, which provides for the protection of owners of cans, bottles, boxes, siphons and fountains used in the sale of soda water, mineral and aerated waters, ale, beer, ginger ale or similar beverages, it is made the duty of the Secretary of the Commonwealth to receive and file descriptions of marks, devices, etc., and under this law four such descriptions were received and filed. Under General Laws, chapter 110, section 21, as amended by chapter 37, Acts of 1924, which provides for the protection of dealers and consumers against the unlawful use and destruction of milk and ice cream cans, jugs, bottles, jars, tubs or cabinets, nine descriptions of marks, devices, etc., were received and filed.

Vital Statistics Division (Room 334)

Under the provisions of General Laws, chapter 46, section 17, returns of births and marriages from 355 cities and towns and births from the State Infirmary at Tewksbury, for the year 1928 which were received in 1929, cover 79,054 births, and 29,082 marriages, a decrease of 3,219 births and 1,326 marriages, as compared with the returns of 1927.

Under the provisions of the same law 51,442 certified copies of records of deaths were received, covering the period from January 1, 1928, to December 31, 1928, an increase of 2,118 as compared with the returns of 1927.

Medical examiners' returns for 1928 cover 8,021, an increase of 552 as compared with the returns for 1927.

Returns by clerks of courts and registers of probate of the decrees of divorce for 1928 number 4,182, an increase of 156 as compared with the returns for 1927.

These figures are fully compiled and analyzed in the annual registration report for 1928 (Public Document No. 1), and available September 1, 1929.

During the year 2,607 certificates of birth, 861 certificates of marriage and 855 certificates of death were issued, a total of 4,323. Fees received from these certificates amounted to $1,412.89.

5,493 abstracts of birth records for school, employment and enlistment purposes were issued without charge.

There were 4,356 delayed records of birth and corrections of birth records received; 52 corrections of marriage and 52 corrections of death records were also received.

Naturalization Returns

Under the provisions of General Laws, chapter 220, section 19, returns were received of the naturalization of 3,264 persons before the superior courts of the Commonwealth during the year 1928, a decrease of 629 as compared with the returns of 1927. These returns were indexed and bound in convenient form for reference, as required by law.

Changes of Names of Persons

The returns of 1,231 names, changed in 1928 as decreed by the several probate courts, were received and filed in compliance with the requirements of General Laws, chapter 210, section 12.

Archives Division (Room 438)

There have been made during the past fiscal year 177 military certificates, 28 typewritten copies and 19,460 photostatic copies of legislative records and files, maps, corporation records, finger prints, etc.; and the following fees were received: military certificates, $181.60; typewritten copies, $31.60; photostatic copies, $7,459.32; totalling $7,672.52.

Under authority of chapter 38 of the Resolves of 1929 there was placed in the Archives Division a suitable fireproof case for the keeping and display of the original charter of the Massachusetts Bay Colony. An informal ceremony was held in the Archives Division Wednesday morning, October 2, 1929, when the charter was officially placed in the case in the presence of

His Excellency the Governor and a few invited guests, including the Secretaries of State from nearly every State in the Union.

It again appears advisable to call attention to the need for further safeguarding the State Archives, the greatest collection (from a legal and historical standpoint) in America. The archives should be housed in a building or part of a building especially constructed for the purpose and which should be absolutely fireproof. It should be borne in mind that this is a collection of material of enormous value which could never be replaced.

Public Document Division (Room 118)

During the year 1929 the following publications were received for distribution through the Public Document Division: 61,580 volumes of the Public Document Series, representing 74 reports of the several State departments, boards and commissions; 9,500 copies of the 1929 pamphlet edition of the session laws; 9,000 copies of the 1929 bound edition of the session laws, commonly called the Blue Book; 600 copies each of the Senate and House Journals, total, 1,200 copies (from the Sergeant-at-Arms); 454 copies each of the Massachusetts Reports, Nos. 261, 262 and 263, total, 1,362 copies; 650 copies of the Sixty-third Annual Encampment, Department of Massachusetts, G. A. R., 1929; 900 copies of the Proceedings of the twenty-ninth Annual Encampment, Department of Massachusetts, U. S. W. V., 1928; 1,800 copies of the Annual Proceedings, The American Legion, Department of Massachusetts, 1928; 800 copies of the Annual Proceedings, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Massachusetts, 1928; 350 copies each of the Early Vital Records of Brookline, Dartmouth (Births, Vol. 1), Georgetown, Taunton (Births, Vol. 1) and Taunton Deaths, Vol. 3, total, 1,750 copies; 300 copies of the Journals of the House of Representatives, Vol. 10, 1731–32; 30 copies of the 1928 report of the Finance Commission for the City of Boston, which copies were received from the above commission; 10,000 copies of the Manual for the Instruction of Applicants for the Police Service of Cities and Towns in Massachusetts; 1,000 copies of the Opinions of the Attorneys-General, Vol. 7, 1923–25; 50 copies of the 1928 report of the Finance Commission for the City of Lowell, which copies were received from the above commission; 1,400 copies of the 1929 amendments to the Laws Relating to Insurance and Insurance Companies; 10,500 copies of the Manual for the General Court, 1929–30; 300 copies of the edition of the Executive Council report on the return of votes for State Officers, 1928; 4,948 copies of the edition of the Manual of Fire Department Equipment and Practice; 2,000 copies of Chapter 43, General Laws, as amended to Dec. 31, 1928, relating to plans A, B, C and D, City Charters; 500 copies of the Proceedings of the Electoral College of Massachusetts, 1929; 5,000 copies of the Gold Star Record of Massachusetts; 2,400 copies of the General Laws Relating to Taxation and Special Assessments, 1929; 4,000 copies of the second reprint of Volume 1 of the publication "Birds of Massachusetts and Other New England States"; making a grand total of 130,970 volumes that have passed through this division during the year.

Division of Public Records (Room 252)

Inspections

Under the provisions of General Laws, chapter 66, section 1, there have been made by the Supervisor of Records during the year 1929 inspections of the care, custody, condition and protection against fires of the public records of the departments and offices of the counties, cities and towns as follows:—

Abington, Acushnet, Agawam, Amesbury, Amherst, Ashland, Auburn, Barnstable, Becket, Bedford, Bernardston, Beverly, Billerica, Bourne, Boylston, Brewster, Bridgewater, Brimfield, Brockton, Brookfield, Burlington, Carlisle, Charlton, Chatham, Chelmsford, Cheshire, Chilmark, Clarksburg, Clinton, Concord, Conway, Danvers, Dartmouth, Dennis, Douglas, Dover, Dracut, Dudley, Duxbury, East Bridgewater, East Brook-

field, East Longmeadow, Eastham, Easthampton, Easton, Edgartown, Essex, Fairhaven, Fall River, Falmouth, Framingham, Gay Head, Georgetown, Gill, Gloucester, Gosnold, Greenfield, Groveland, Hamilton, Hampden, Hancock, Hanover, Harvard, Harwich, Hawley, Holland, Holliston, Hopkinton, Huntington, Ipswich, Lee, Leicester, Littleton, Longmeadow, Ludlow, Lynnfield, Manchester, Mansfield, Marion, Marlborough, Marshfield, Mashpee, Mattapoisett, Medfield, Medway, Mendon, Merrimac, Middleton, Milford, Millbury, Millis, Montague, Montgomery, Nantucket, Natick, Needham, New Ashford, Newbury, Norfolk, North Adams, North Brookfield, North Reading, Northampton, Northborough, Northfield, Norton, Norwell, Oak Bluffs, Oakham, Orleans, Otis, Oxford, Paxton, Peabody, Pelham, Peru, Pittsfield, Plymouth, Provincetown, Reading, Rochester, Rockland, Rutland, Salem, Salisbury, Sandisfield, Sandwich, Saugus, Savoy, Sherborn, Shutesbury, Southampton, Southborough, Southbridge, Spencer, Springfield, Sterling, Stoneham, Stoughton, Sturbridge, Sunderland, Sutton, Swampscott, Tewksbury, Tisbury, Topsfield, Truro, Tyngsborough, Upton, Wales, Ware, Wareham, Warren, Washington, Webster, Wellesley, Wellfleet, Wenham, West Boylston, West Bridgewater, West Brookfield, West Newbury, West Springfield, West Tisbury, Westborough, Westfield, Westport, Whately, Whitman, Wilbraham, Wilmington, Winchester, Windsor, Woburn, Worcester, Yarmouth.

During the year 28 vaults and 11 safes have been approved by this office.

Fires

On the afternoon of January 10, 1929, fire broke out in the Town Hall at New Ashford. No records were lost.

On July 17, fire broke out in the building occupied by the District Court of Southern Norfolk at Stoughton. Some law books were blackened by smoke. No records were lost.

On July 25, the Town Hall at Leyden was destroyed by fire. The records of the town were kept in a fireproof vault outside the building and were not damaged.

On the evening of August 9, fire broke out in the sub-basement of the Suffolk County Court House in Pemberton Square. No records were lost.

On Thanksgiving Day, November 28, the State Bath-house at Nantasket was damaged by fire. No records were lost.

City Halls

No new city halls have been built during the year. Chicopee City Hall Annex is completed and occupied.

Town Halls

The new Town Hall at Shelburne is completed and occupied. Alterations have been made during the year on the following town halls: New Ashford, by building in a large safe for records, Swampscott and Walpole by the construction of new vaults. Plans are prepared for new town halls at Milton and West Boylston.

District Courts

The District Court of Second Essex at Amesbury is nearing completion and will soon be ready for occupancy. The District Court of Southern Norfolk at Stoughton has made improvements and constructed a new vault.

Repairing and Binding

Records have been repaired and rebound during the year for the towns of Kingston and Duxbury; for the Registries of Deeds at Plymouth, Taunton and Northampton; plans mounted and bound for the towns of Hull and Rockport, Registries of Deeds at Greenfield, Lowell, Northampton and Plymouth.

Typewriter Ribbons and Stamping Pads

A printed list of approved typewriter ribbons and stamping pads will be published later for distribution.

Legislative Counsel and Agents' Expenses

In compliance with the provisions of General Laws, chapter 3, sections 39 to 50, inclusive, relative to legislative counsel and agents' expenses incurred or paid in connection with the promoting or opposing of legislation during the last session of the General Court, there were 256 entries made in the dockets, a decrease of one as compared with 1928.

Returns covering 254 of these entries were received in this office from persons, corporations or associations employing legislative counsel or agents. Two failed to file returns and were therefore reported to the Attorney General. Thirty-three returns appeared to be irregular or defective, twenty-nine of which were later corrected. It therefore was necessary to report the remaining four returns to the Attorney General as required by law.

The total amount reported as paid to legislative counsel and agents was $96,345.29; in addition to this $5,050 represented annual salaries or retainers apportioned and $40,661.50 unapportioned. Thirty-nine employers stated that they paid nothing.

Proclamations (Room 340A)

The proclamations of His Excellency the Governor for the observance of Lincoln Day, Arbor and Bird Day, Flag Day and Thanksgiving Day were printed and distributed under the direction of this office.

Of the Lincoln Day proclamations 11,000 copies were distributed to churches, schools, institutions, patriotic societies, postmasters and city and town clerks. Of the Arbor and Bird Day proclamations 10,000 copies were mailed to churches, schools, granges, agricultural societies, institutions, postmasters and city and town clerks. Flag Day proclamations to the number of 11,000 were mailed to churches, schools, postmasters, patriotic societies, institutions and city and town clerks, and 10,000 Thanksgiving proclamations were sent to churches, schools, postmasters and city and town clerks.

In addition to the above, proclamations were printed and distributed as follows: For the observance of Spanish War Memorial Day and Maine Memorial Day, February 15, 1929, 11,000 copies were printed and mailed to churches, schools, institutions, patriotic societies, postmasters and city and town clerks. Fire Prevention Week was designated to include the week of October 6 to 13, 1929, and 6,300 copies of the Governor's proclamation were distributed to the fire chiefs of the Commonwealth for churches, schools and post offices.

For the observance of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the death of Brigadier General Casimir Pulaski, in accordance with the provisions of Resolve Chapter 47 of 1929, 11,000 copies were mailed to churches, schools, postmasters, patriotic societies, institutions and city and town clerks. For the observance of Armistice Day, November 11, 1929, 11,000 proclamations were distributed to schools, churches, institutions, patriotic societies, postmasters and city and town clerks.

A proclamation was also issued by the Governor to the press in observance of "Be Kind to Animals Week," April 15 to 20, 1929, and Humane Sunday, April 14, 1929. In observance of the seventy-first anniversary of the birth of the late Theodore Roosevelt, October 24, 1929, a statement was issued to the press by His Excellency the Governor.

Pardons, Respites, Requisitions, etc.

The number of respites and extensions thereof from death sentence made out and issued during the year was 4; commutations, 3; pardons, under parole conditions, 3; requisitions upon other States, 218; upon the Secretary of the United States Navy, 2; upon the Secretary of State of the United States for extradition requests upon foreign counties, 4; upon the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, 1; and warrants issued upon requisitions from other States, 41.

Initiative Petitions

Four initiative petitions, accompanied by bills, and each with the requisite certificate of the Attorney General attached, were filed with the Secretary

of the Commonwealth during the year, under the provisions of Article XLVIII of the Amendments to the Constitution, as follows:—

1. An Act to repeal section twoA of chapter one hundred and thirty-eight of the General Laws, inserted by chapter three hundred and seventy of the acts of nineteen hundred and twenty-three. (Filed September 5, 1929; on December 3, 1929, 28,133 subsequent signatures of qualified voters had been filed.)

Description of Proposed Law

The proposed law amends the General Laws by striking out chapter 138, section 2A, which section provides that, "No person shall manufacture, transport by air craft, water craft or vehicle, import or export spirituous or intoxicating liquor as defined by section three, or certain non-intoxicating beverages as defined by section one, unless in each instance he shall have obtained the permit or other authority required therefor by the laws of the United States and the regulations made thereunder."

2. An Act to amend chapter one hundred and thirty-one of the General Laws. (Filed September 24, 1929; on December 3, 1929, 31,269 subsequent signatures of qualified voters had been filed.)

Description of Proposed Law

The proposed law amends General Laws, chapter 131, by inserting therein a new section numbered 59A, which in substance makes it a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of fifty dollars for any person to use, set or maintain any trap or other device for the capture of fur-bearing animals which is likely to cause continued suffering to an animal caught therein and which is not designed to kill the animal at once or take it alive unhurt, except traps or other devices for protection against vermin, set or maintained within fifty yards of any building or cultivated plot of land to the use of which the presence of vermin may be detrimental.

3. An Act to create a Motor Vehicle Insurance Fund for the purpose of providing compensation for injuries and deaths due to motor vehicle accidents. (Filed November 1, 1929; on December 2, 1929, 25,393 subsequent signatures of qualified voters had been filed.)

Description of Proposed Law

The proposed law provides for the compulsory insurance of the liability of owners and operators of motor vehicles for accidental injury and death caused to others by the operation of such vehicles, in a body corporate, created by the law itself, called the State Motor Vehicle Insurance Fund.

It further provides that such fund shall be under the control and management of a board of commissioners appointed by the governor; that at the time of registration of all motor vehicles or trailers, except those owned by corporations under the control of the Department of Public Utilities, or by a street railway under public control, or by the Commonwealth, or one of its political divisions, the registrant shall make a payment in the nature of a contribution to such fund; and that upon so doing he shall be deemed to be insured by said fund to the limit of $5,000 for injury to, or death of, one person, or $10,000 for injury to, or death of, more than one person in any one accident.

The amount to be paid by a registrant is established by the act and certain classifications of vehicles are set up; and it is provided that the board thereafter, from time to time, may modify, alter or revise classifications, and increase or decrease the amounts to be so paid.

It further provides for the investigation of accidents and the settlement of claims.

The board is required to file a report of its assets and liabilities with the Commissioner of Insurance on the same basis as other insurance companies, and is subject to examination by the said Commissioner. It also forbids, under penalties, the making or presenting of false statements to such board

relative to accidents and the obtaining of money from the fund by false statements.

It further provides that there shall be no appropriations made by the Commonwealth for the expenses of the fund, and that the board may borrow a sum sufficient for organizing and carrying out the provisions of the law relating to this fund.

The present compulsory motor vehicle insurance law is to be repealed, as is also the existing law limiting the time for beginning actions of tort for bodily injuries or death to one year, and certain other acts inconsistent with the proposed law are also repealed.

The three foregoing petitions were transmitted to the General Court January 1, 1930.

4. An Act to Establish a Fund for Workmen's Compensation. (Filed November 29, 1929; no subsequent signatures filed.)

Rules and Regulations of State Departments

By chapter 30, section 37, General Laws, certain rules and regulations of departments, commissions, boards or officials vested by law with the power to make and issue rules and regulations general in scope, and to be observed or performed under penalty for the violation thereof, shall not take effect until attested copies thereof have been filed with the Secretary of the Commonwealth. Under this law rules and regulations were filed by the following departments during the year 1929: Department of Agriculture, Department of Civil Service and Registration, Department of Conservation, Department of Labor and Industries, Department of Public Health, Department of Public Safety, Department of Public Utilities, Department of Public Works and Metropolitan District Commission.

Miscellaneous

The two reports from this office which form a part of the Public Document series, namely, Returns of Births, Marriages, Divorces, and Deaths (Public Document No. 1) and Returns of Assessed Polls, Registered Voters and Persons who voted, etc. (Public Document No. 43) have been made, as required by law.

Frederic W. Cook,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Returns from Cities and Towns relative to Action taken under Certain Provisions of the General Laws

When Received	City or Town	Subject and Reference	Action	Date of Action
1929				
Feb. 8	North Adams	Pensions for janitors, G. L. 32, §§ 44 & 45	Accepted	Feb. 5, 1929
Feb. 25	Brockton	Retirement on pension of Spanish and World War veterans, G. L. 32, §§ 56–59	Accepted	Feb. 23, 1929
Mar. 1	Haverhill	Pensions to foremen, inspectors, etc., 1923, 458 (G. L. 32, § 77, par. (b))	Accepted	Feb. 28, 1929
Mar. 1	Randolph	Precinct voting at town elections, G. L. 39, § 20	Accepted	Apr. 2, 1928
Mar. 5	Somerville	Pensions for janitors, G. L. 32, § 44	Accepted	Mar. 2, 1929
Mar. 12	East Longmeadow	Disposition of burnt or dangerous buildings, G. L. 139, §§ 1, 2 & 3	Accepted	Feb. 13, 1929
Mar. 12	East Longmeadow	Sunday sales, G. L. 136, §§ 7 & 8	Accepted	Feb. 13, 1929
Mar. 13	Winchendon	Licensed boxing matches, G. L. 147, §§ 32–47	Accepted	Mar. 9, 1929
Mar. 13	Winchendon	Annuities to families of policemen and firemen, G. L. 32, § 89, as amended by 1928, 402	Accepted	Mar. 9, 1929
Mar. 20	Rockport	Election of town officers, G. L. 39, § 23	Accepted	Mar. 6, 1929
Mar. 25	Easthampton	Licensed boxing matches, G. L. 147, §§ 32–47	Accepted	Mar. 11, 1929
Mar. 26	Cohasset	Establishment of fire department, G. L. 48, §§ 42, 43 & 44	Accepted	Mar. 9, 1929
Mar. 28	Leominster	Inspector of buildings, 1894, 481, §§ 14–22	Accepted	Feb. 28, 1900
Mar. 28	Leominster	Eight-hour day for certain public employees, R. L. 106, § 20	Accepted	Mar. 2, 1903
Mar. 28	Leominster	Public playgrounds, 1908, 513	Accepted	Mar. 1, 1909
Mar. 28	Leominster	Chief of police under civil service, 1911, 468	Accepted	Mar. 1, 1915
Mar. 28	Leominster	Appointment of councillors by mayor, R. L. 26, § 12	Accepted	Feb. 14, 1916
Mar. 28	Leominster	Sunday sales, 1909, 423	Accepted	Aug. 28, 1917
Mar. 28	Leominster	Collection of water rates, 1923, 391	Accepted	Dec. 14, 1925
Mar. 28	Leominster	Pensions for injured policemen, G. L. 32, § 84	Accepted	Oct. 25, 1926
Mar. 30	Needham	Establishment of fire department, G. L. 48, §§ 42, 43 & 44	Accepted	Mar. 25, 1929
Apr. 4	Randolph	Establishment of fire department, G. L. 48, §§ 42, 43 & 44	Accepted	Apr. 1, 1929
Apr. 5	Wilmington	Chief of police under civil service, G. L. 31, § 49	Accepted	Mar. 11, 1929
Apr. 10	Randolph	Licensed boxing matches, G. L. 147, §§ 32–47	Accepted	Apr. 8, 1929
May 29	Webster	Pensions for veterans of the Civil War, G. L. 32, §§ 52 & 53	Accepted	Nov. 28, 1927
June 12	Quincy	Disposition of burnt or dangerous buildings, G. L. 139, §§ 1, 2 & 3	Accepted	June 11, 1929
June 13	Westwood	Inspection of buildings, G. L. 143, §§ 3–12	Accepted	June 10, 1929
June 27	Lowell	Board of survey, G. L. 41, § 73	Accepted	June 22, 1929
July 16	Rockport	Disposition of burnt or dangerous buildings, G. L. 139, §§ 1, 2 & 3	Accepted	July 1, 1929
July 20	Shrewsbury	Establishment of sidewalks, G. L. 83, §§ 25–28	Accepted	July 17, 1929
Aug. 2	Longmeadow	Primaries for nomination of candidates, G. L. 53, § 56	Accepted	Feb. 18, 1929
Sept. 25	Weymouth	Prevention of fires, G. L. 148, § 6	Accepted	Sept. 16, 1929
Oct. 4	Holyoke	Annuities to families of policemen and firemen, G. L. 32, § 89, as amended by 1928, 402 & 1929, 308	Accepted	Oct. 1, 1929
Oct. 4	Holyoke	Pensions to foremen, inspectors, etc., 1923, 458 (G. L. 32, § 77, par (b))	Accepted	Oct. 1, 1929
Oct. 9	Holyoke	Retirement on pension of Spanish and World War veterans, G. L. 32, §§ 56–60, as amended by 1922, 261 & 1923, 386	Accepted	May 9, 1929
Oct. 10	Natick	Pensions for policemen and firemen, G. L. 32, § 85	Accepted	Mar. 5, 1929
Oct. 10	Natick	Board of survey, G. L. 41, § 73	Accepted	Mar. 5, 1929
Nov. 2	Worcester	Annuities to families of policemen and firemen, G. L. 32, § 89, as amended by 1924, 504, § 3, 1928, 402 & 1929, 308	Accepted	Oct. 30, 1929
Nov. 5	Springfield	Publication of ordinances and proposed ordinances in certain cities, 1929, 369 (G. L. 40, § 32A)	Accepted	Sept. 17, 1929
Nov. 12	Boylston	Establishment of fire department, G. L. 48, §§ 42, 43 & 44	Accepted	Oct. 29, 1929
Nov. 23	Natick	Licensed boxing matches, G. L. 147, §§ 32–47	Accepted	Nov. 19, 1929
Nov. 29	Randolph	Police department established, G. L. 41, § 97	Accepted	Nov. 26, 1929
Nov. 30	Cambridge	Annuities to families of policemen and firemen, 1929, 308	Accepted	Nov. 29, 1929

Returns relative to the Acceptance or Rejection of Certain Special Acts passed by the General Court and Referred to the Voters, to the City Council of a City, to the Selectmen of a Town, or the County Commissioners of a County

When Received	From Whom Received	Title of Act	Date of Action	Vote	
				Yes	No
1929					
Jan. 2	City Clerk, Lowell	An Act to permit certain sports and games on the Lord's Day (1928, 406)	Dec. 29, 1928	–[1]	–
Jan. 4	City Clerk, Gloucester	An Act to permit certain sports and games on the Lord's Day (1928, 406)	Jan. 1, 1929	–[2]	–
Jan. 4	City Clerk, Holyoke	An Act to permit certain sports and games on the Lord's Day (1928, 406)	Jan. 2, 1929	–[3]	–
Jan. 30	City Clerk, Haverhill	An Act to permit certain sports and games on the Lord's Day (1928, 406)	Jan. 29, 1929	–[2]	–
Feb. 5	City Clerk, Revere	An Act providing for an enclosed athletic field in the city of Revere (1927, 31)	April 22, 1927	–[1]	–
Feb. 5	City Clerk, Revere	An Act relative to expenditures by the city of Revere for municipal advertising purposes (1928, 97)	July 6, 1928	–[1]	–
Feb. 6	City Clerk, Taunton	An Act authorizing the city of Taunton to pay the claim of Agnes A. Winston for damages arising from an accident caused by equipment used by its Fire Department (1928, 289)	June 7, 1928	–[2]	–
Feb. 6	Clerk, Bristol County Commissioners	An Act authorizing the county of Bristol to borrow money for the purpose of constructing a barn at the Bristol County Tuberculosis Hospital at Attleboro (1928, 110)	Mar. 20, 1928	–[4]	–
Feb. 7	City Clerk, Salem	An Act authorizing the city of Salem to acquire certain flats and lands in or adjacent to Palmer Cove in said city (1928, 364)	June 16, 1928	–[1]	–
Feb. 7	City Clerk, Chelsea	An Act authorizing the city of Chelsea to sell and convey certain park land (1928, 69)	Mar. 19, 1928	–[3]	–
Feb. 7	City Clerk, Chelsea	An Act subjecting the office of city electrician of the city of Chelsea to the civil service laws (1928, 141)	April 9, 1928	–[3]	–
Feb. 7	Town Clerk, Palmer	An Act placing the office of chief of police of the town of Palmer under the civil service laws (1928, 2)	Feb. 6, 1928	1,114	723
Feb. 7	City Clerk, Melrose	An Act authorizing the city of Melrose to borrow money for school purposes (1928, 270)	May 24, 1928	–[1]	–
Feb. 7	City Clerk, Boston	An Act to provide for the construction of a vehicular tunnel between Boston proper and East Boston and for the creation of a tunnel district (1928, 380)	Dec. 28, 1928	–	–[5]
Feb. 7	Town Clerk, Saugus	An Act providing for precinct voting, representative town meetings, town meeting members, a referendum and a moderator to serve for a year in the town of Saugus (1928, 55)	Mar. 5, 1928	1,585	588
Feb. 7	Clerk, Middlesex County Commissioners	An Act authorizing the county of Middlesex to raise and expend money for the purpose of providing a tuberculosis hospital for the Middlesex County Tuberculosis Hospital District (1928, 369)	Oct. 19, 1928	–[6]	–
Feb. 14	City Clerk, Chicopee	An Act to permit certain sports and games on the Lord's Day (1928, 406)	Feb. 4, 1929	–[3]	–
Feb. 26	Town Clerk, Millis	An Act authorizing the town of Millis to sell and convey certain park land (1928, 30)	Feb. 11, 1929	–[7]	–
Feb. 28	Town Clerk, Great Barrington	An Act authorizing the town of Great Barrington to take over the franchise and other property of the Great Barrington Fire District so far as the same relate to lighting the streets within the limits of said district (1928, 282)	June 8, 1928	–[8]	–
Feb. 28	Clerk, The Great Barrington Fire District	An Act authorizing the town of Great Barrington to take over the franchise and other property of the Great Barrington Fire District so far as the same relate to lighting the streets within the limits of said district (1928, 282)	June 8, 1928	–[9]	–
Mar. 1	Town Clerk, Blandford	An Act to authorize the town of Blandford to take over the properties and to assume the obligations of the Blandford Fire District (1928, 249)	Feb. 4, 1929	75	47
Mar. 1	Town Clerk, Provincetown	An Act authorizing the town of Provincetown to acquire Railroad Wharf, so-called, and certain adjacent property in said town (1928, 253)	May 21, 1928	88	28
Mar. 2	City Clerk, Peabody	An Act subjecting the office of Superintendent of Hay Scales in the city of Peabody to the civil service laws (1928, 278)	Dec. 4, 1928	1,781	2,590
Mar. 2	City Clerk, Boston	An Act establishing the salaries of the deputy assessors of the city of Boston (1929, 49)	Feb. 28, 1929	–[1]	–
Mar. 2	Deputy Assistant Clerk, Essex County Commissioners	An Act relative to the financing of the Essex County Tuberculosis Hospital (1929, 66)	Mar. 1, 1929	–[10]	–

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When Received	From Whom Received	Title of Act	Date of Action	Vote	
				Yes	No
1929					
Mar. 4	Town Clerk, Tewksbury	An Act authorizing the town of Wilmington and the town of Tewksbury to pay certain sums of money on account of the deaths of certain firemen killed in the performance of duty (1928, 83)	Feb. 4, 1928	–[8]	–
Mar. 5	City Clerk, Somerville	An Act providing for associate members of the board of appeals in the city of Somerville (1928, 81)	Mar. 23, 1928	–[1]	–
Mar. 6	Town Clerk, Clinton	An Act to permit certain sports and games on the Lord's Day (1928, 406)	Mar. 4, 1929	2,766	1,390
Mar. 7	Town Clerk, Yarmouth	An Act authorizing the Barnstable Water Company to furnish water in that part of the town of Yarmouth known as West Yarmouth and providing that said town may establish a water distributing or water supply system (1928, 146)	Feb. 12, 1929	–[7]	–
Mar. 7	Town Clerk, Milford	An Act authorizing the town of Milford to use certain park land for school purposes (1928, 93)	Mar. 4, 1929	1,567	738
Mar. 9	Town Clerk, Natick	An Act providing for the establishment of a reserve police force in the town of Natick (1929, 8)	Mar. 4, 1929	1,781	1,228
Mar. 11	Clerk, Blandford Fire District	An Act to authorize the town of Blandford to take over the properties and to assume the obligations of the Blandford Fire District (1928, 249)	Nov. 5, 1928	–[11]	–
Mar. 18	Town Clerk, Westwood	An Act to permit certain sports and games on the Lord's Day (1928, 406)	Mar. 11, 1929	136	17
Mar. 21	Town Clerk, Rockport	An Act relative to town landings and other common property in the city of Gloucester and town of Rockport (1929, 33)	Mar. 4, 1929	746	90
Mar. 21	Town Clerk, Rockport	An Act placing the chief of police and the members of the regular or permanent police force of the town of Rockport under the civil service laws (1929, 13)	Mar. 4, 1929	371	674
Mar. 22	Town Clerk, Grafton	An Act to permit certain sports and games on the Lord's Day (1928, 406)	Mar. 13, 1929	43	23
Mar. 25	Town Clerk, Easthampton	An Act to permit certain sports and games on the Lord's Day (1928, 406)	Mar. 11, 1929	1,512	600
Mar. 26	City Clerk, Cambridge	An Act to permit certain sports and games on the Lord's Day (1928, 406)	Mar. 22, 1929	–[1]	–
Mar. 26	Town Clerk, Cohasset	An Act to permit certain sports and games on the Lord's Day (1928, 406)	Mar. 9, 1929	–[7]	–
Mar. 27	Town Clerk, Wakefield	An Act relative to expenditures by the town of Wakefield for municipal advertising purposes (1928, 121)	Mar. 25, 1929	–[8]	–
Mar. 28	City Clerk, Leominster	An Act to permit certain sports and games on the Lord's Day (1928, 406)	Mar. 25, 1929	–[8]	–
Mar. 29	Town Clerk, Framingham	An Act to permit certain sports and games on the Lord's Day (1928, 406)	Mar. 13, 1929	–[8]	–
Mar. 29	Clerk, Bristol County Commissioners	An Act authorizing the trustees of the Bristol County Agricultural School to provide a domestic water supply for said school (1929, 62)	Mar. 26, 1929	–[4]	–
Mar. 29	Clerk, Bristol County Commissioners	An Act authorizing the county of Bristol to borrow money for the purpose of constructing a sewer bed at the Bristol County Tuberculosis Hospital (1929, 64)	Mar. 26, 1929	–[4]	–
Mar. 29	City Clerk, Boston	An Act relative to the erection and maintenance of a health department building within the limits of the Back Bay Fens in the city of Boston (1929, 104)	Mar. 26, 1929	–[1]	–
Mar. 30	Town Clerk, Great Barrington	An Act to permit certain sports and games on the Lord's Day (1928, 406)	Mar. 25, 1929	–[8]	–
April 2	Town Clerk, Bernardston	An Act authorizing the town of Bernardston to convey certain land in said town (1928, 226)	Mar. 4, 1929	–[8]	–
April 5	City Clerk, Boston	An Act establishing the office of assistant clerk for the municipal court of the Brighton District of the city of Boston (1929, 95)	April 4, 1929	–[1]	–
April 6	City Clerk, Somerville	An Act to permit certain sports and games on the Lord's Day (1928, 406)	Mar. 28, 1929	–[8]	–
April 9	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the city of Boston and the town of Milton to reimburse Thomas Gordon for money paid by him in satisfaction of a certain execution (1929, 35)	April 5, 1929	–[1]	–
April 10	City Clerk, Haverhill	An Act relative to the membership of the board of public welfare of the city of Haverhill (1929, 196)	April 9, 1929	–[2]	–
April 10	Town Clerk, Randolph	An Act to permit certain sports and games on the Lord's Day (1928, 406)	April 8, 1929	–[8]	–
April 11	City Clerk, Gardner	An Act to permit certain sports and games on the Lord's Day (1928, 406)	April 5, 1929	–[1]	–

April 11	Town Clerk, Orange	An Act establishing a town manager form of government for the town of Orange (1929, 38)	Mar. 4, 1929	931	812
April 16	Assistant Clerk, Middlesex County Commissioners	An Act relative to the payment by the county of Middlesex to Arthur J. Maynard of Bridgewater of certain sums for expenses incurred and for services performed for the benefit of said county (1929, 123)	April 12, 1929	–[6]	–
April 20	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the temporary reinstatement, for purposes of retirement only, of David M. Cleary as a member of the fire department of the city of Boston (1929, 218)	April 16, 1929	–[1]	–
April 23	City Clerk, Haverhill	An Act authorizing the city of Haverhill to compensate Katherine E. Rogers for injuries sustained by reason of certain acts of members of the fire department of said city done in the course of their duties (1929, 217)	April 18, 1929	–[2]	–
April 23	City Clerk, Haverhill	An Act authorizing the city of Haverhill to compensate Evelyn Foss for injuries sustained by reason of certain acts of a police officer of said city done in the course of his duty (1929, 220)	April 18, 1929	–[2]	–
April 24	City Clerk, Northampton	An Act to permit certain sports and games on the Lord's Day (1928, 406)	April 18, 1929	–[1]	–
April 29	Clerk, Hampden County Commissioners	An Act authorizing the county of Hampden to provide adequate court house accommodations for the district court of Springfield (1929, 241)	April 26, 1929	–[12]	–
April 29	City Clerk, Peabody	An Act providing for the establishment of reserve forces in the fire departments of cities (1928, 218)	April 25, 1929	–[7]	–
May 2	City Clerk, Boston	An Act establishing the Boston Traffic Commission and defining its powers and duties (1929, 263)	April 30, 1929	–[1]	–
May 9	Secretary, Norfolk County Commissioners	An Act establishing the office of second assistant clerk of the district court of East Norfolk (1929, 254)	May 7, 1929	–[13]	–
May 10	City Clerk, Holyoke	An Act establishing a soldiers' memorial commission in the city of Holyoke (1929, 113)	May 8, 1929	–[3]	–
May 11	City Clerk, Peabody	An Act to permit certain sports and games on the Lord's Day (1928, 406)	May 9, 1929	–[1]	–
May 16	City Clerk, North Adams	An Act authorizing the city of North Adams to purchase certain lands in the town of Clarksburg for rifle range purposes (1929, 247)	May 7, 1929	–[1]	–
May 18	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the appointment of an additional court officer for the district court of Chelsea (1929, 208)	May 16, 1929	–[1]	–
May 18	City Clerk, Boston	An Act relative to the treatment of certain patients at the Long Island Hospital in the city of Boston (1929, 219)	May 14, 1929	–[1]	–
May 20	City Clerk, Everett	An Act to permit certain sports and games on the Lord's Day (1928, 406)	May 13, 1929	–[1]	–
May 29	Town Clerk, Webster	An Act to permit certain sports and games on the Lord's Day (1928, 406)	Mar. 25, 1929	–[8]	–
May 31	City Clerk, Boston	An Act subjecting the offices of assistants in the election department of the city of Boston to the civil service laws (1929, 137)	May 28, 1929	–[1]	–
May 31	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the city of Boston to pay a sum of money to the mother of Francis P. O'Flaherty, a minor (1929, 300)	May 28, 1929	–[1]	–
May 31	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the city of Boston to pay a sum of money to the mother of Joseph P. Cowan, a minor (1929, 301)	May 28, 1929	–[1]	–
June 8	City Clerk, Cambridge	An Act providing for the payment of compensation to widows and children of policemen and firemen who are killed in the performance of duty (1928, 402)	June 7, 1929	–[1]	–
June 11	City Clerk, North Adams	An Act to permit certain sports and games on the Lord's Day (1928, 406)	June 4, 1929	–[1]	–
June 11	City Clerk, North Adams	An Act authorizing the city of North Adams to abate certain paving assessments (1929, 237)	June 4, 1929	–[1]	–
June 13	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the city of Boston to borrow money for the purpose of constructing a sewer or sewers for remedying unsanitary conditions in and about Savin Hill Bay (1929, 239)	June 11, 1929	–[1]	–
June 18	City Clerk, Chicopee	An Act providing for the establishment of reserve forces in the fire departments of cities (1928, 218)	April 15, 1929	–[3]	–
June 20	City Clerk, Boston	An Act to provide for the construction of a vehicular tunnel between Boston proper and East Boston (1929, 297)	June 19, 1929	–[1]	–
July 10	City Clerk, Leominster	An Act relative to the publication of ordinances and proposed ordinances in certain cities (1929, 369)	July 8, 1929	–[1]	–
Aug. 8	City Clerk, Boston	An Act relative to the reconstruction of parts of Centre and St. Ann Streets in the city of Boston (1929, 248)	Aug. 5, 1929	–[1]	–
Sept. 25	Town Clerk, Weymouth	An Act to regulate the refining of oil in the town of Weymouth (1929, 132)	Sept. 16, 1929	–[8]	–
Sept. 30	Secretary, Essex County Commissioners	An Act providing for additions at the Essex County Tuberculosis Hospital (1929, 251)	April 30, 1929	–[10]	–

RETURNS RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF CERTAIN SPECIAL ACTS PASSED BY THE GENERAL COURT AND REFERRED TO THE VOTERS, TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF A CITY, TO THE SELECTMEN OF A TOWN, OR THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF A COUNTY —*Concluded*

When Received	From Whom Received	Title of Act	Date of Action	Vote	
				Yes	No
1928					
Sept. 30	Secretary, Essex County Commissioners	An Act providing for the reconstruction and maintenance of Bass River bridge on Bridge Street in the city of Beverly (1929, 295)	May 31, 1929	–[10]	–
Oct. 4	City Clerk, North Adams	An Act providing for the establishment of reserve forces in the fire departments of cities (1928, 218)	Oct. 4, 1929	–[1]	–
Oct. 10	Town Clerk, Natick	An Act to permit certain sports and games on the Lord's Day (1928, 406)	Mar. 5, 1929	–[7]	–
Nov. 25	Assistant Clerk, Middlesex County Commissioners	An Act providing for a new house of correction for the county of Middlesex (1929, 381)	Nov. 22, 1929	–[6]	–
Nov. 25	Assistant Town Clerk, Lexington	An Act to establish in the town of Lexington representative town government by limited town meetings (1929, 215)	Nov. 4, 1929	497	234

[1] Accepted by the city council.
[2] Accepted by the municipal council.
[3] Accepted by the board of aldermen.
[4] Accepted by the county commissioners of Bristol County.
[5] Rejected by the city council.
[6] Accepted by the county commissioners of Middlesex County.
[7] Adopted by unanimous vote.
[8] Accepted, affirmative and negative votes not returned.
[9] Accepted by the Great Barrington Fire District.
[10] Accepted by the county commissioners of Essex County.
[11] Accepted by the Blandford Fire District.
[12] Accepted by the county commissioners of Hampden County
[13] Accepted by the county commissioners of Norfolk County.

Abstract of the Returns of the Sheriffs of the Several Counties of the Commonwealth for the Year ending September 30, 1929, in Compliance with General Laws, Chapter 37, Section 23

Counties	Amount of Money Received					Number of Days' Attendance			
	From County Treasurer	From All Other Sources	Total	For Fees in Civil Processes	For Fees in Criminal Processes	Upon the Court	Upon County Commissioners	Upon More than One Tribunal Simultaneously	Total.
Barnstable	$1,098 60	$735 00	$1,833 60	–	$735 00	42	–	–	42
Berkshire	2,500 00	720 00	3,220 00	–	–	14	8	–	22
Bristol	3,102 31	18,758 70	21,861 01	–	–	120	–	–	120
Dukes	650 50	874 72	1,525 22	$404 72	–	4	–	–	4
Essex	4,433 62	20,134 98	24,568 60	–	–	185	–	61	246
Franklin	1,572 30	1,110 00	2,682 30	–	–	11	–	–	11
Hampden	3,909 62	10,712 86	14,622 48	–	–	121	–	77	198
Hampshire	1,900 00	4,515 00	6,415 00	–	–	64	6	2	72
Middlesex	4,700 00	33,562 21	38,262 21	–	–	1,505	–	192	1,697
Nantucket	750 00	100 11	850 11	–[1]	–[1]	2	–	–	2
Norfolk	3,800 00	11,652 86	15,452 86	–	–	161	–	53	214
Plymouth	4,050 00	9,065 77	13,115 77	–	–	133	26	27	186
Suffolk	3,000 00	71,447 14	74,447 14	–	–	3,197	–	–	3,197
Worcester	4,200 00	27,695 25	31,895 25	–	–	234	–	576	810
Total	$39,666 95	$211,084 60	$250,751 55	$404 72	$735 00	5,793	40	988	6,821

[1] Allowed to retain fees by statute.

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ABSTRACT AND TABULAR STATEMENT OF THE RETURNS RELATIVE TO THE LAW, EQUITY, DIVORCE AND CRIMINAL BUSINESS OF THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1929, IN COMPLIANCE WITH GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 221, SECTION 24, AS AMENDED. (Naturalization Business not included.)

Counties	Civil Cases																						
	Number Pending at Beginning of Year			Number of New Cases Entered During the Year			Number Disposed of in Previous Years and Brought Forward This Year			Number Transferred from Law to Equity	Number Transferred from Equity to Law	Number Finally Disposed of				Number Pending at End of Year, Including Pending Inactive Cases				Number Tried during Year				Number of Equity Cases in which Issues were Tried to a Jury
												Law		Equity	Divorce and Nullity	Law		Equity	Divorce and Nullity	Law		Equity	Divorce and Nullity	
	Law	Equity	Divorce and Nullity	Law	Equity	Divorce and Nullity	Law	Equity	Divorce and Nullity			Jury	Without Jury			Jury	Without Jury			Jury	Without Jury			
Barnstable	309	52	20	172	19	–	–	–	–	1	–	71	31	7	–	256	122	65	20	8	–	–	–	–
Berkshire	509	110	44	306	42	–	–	–	–	–	–	170	58	25	1	431	156	127	43	40	11	21	1	–
Bristol	2,423	446	191	1,083	106	2	–	–	–	–	–	597	201	50	2	2,059	649	502	191	93	13	12	2	1
Dukes	55	7	9	27	6	1	–	–	–	–	–	10	8	–	2	23	41	13	8	2	–	–	1	–
Essex	5,771	810	268	2,635	229	3	4	1	–	3	3	1,504	263	146	12	5,695	948	894	259	225	51	30	6	–
Franklin	349	102	25	162	34	1	–	–	–	–	–	134	19	12	–	251	107	124	26	26	4	–	–	–
Hampden	3,799	762	707	1,819	205	267	–	–	–	–	–	1,121	331	119	279	3,131	1,035	848	695	161	19	16	187	–
Hampshire	384	85	39	186	20	3	1	–	–	–	–	121	24	5	2	294	132	100	40	39	–	–	1	–
Middlesex	10,907	1,300	70	5,443	460	4	21	–	–	5	3	3,143	533	257	6	10,626	2,067	1,505	68	423	48	55	5	–
Nantucket	9	1	–	11	3	–	–	–	–	–	–	6	–	2	–	14	–	2	–	–	–	–	–	–
Norfolk	2,796	285	109	1,552	106	–	2	–	–	–	–	806	200	56	6	2,594	750	335	103	106	21	7	2	1
Plymouth	1,491	257	183	716	53	57	–	–	–	–	–	366	77	28	47	1,397	367	282	193	80	5	2	51	–
Suffolk	30,758	5,440	298	16,562	2,011	27	11	–	–	8	8	9,441	1,620	1,079	39	29,591	6,679	6,372	286	1,089	243	378	26	4
Worcester	5,201	579	199	2,491	208	–	–	–	–	–	–	1,573	366	147	5	4,811	942	640	194	225	75	15	3	–
Total	64,761	10,236	2,162	33,165	3,502	365	39	1	–	17	14	19,063	3,731	1,933	401	61,173	13,995	11,809	2,126	2,517	490	536	285	6

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Counties	Civil Cases														Criminal Cases									
	Number Awaiting Trial at End of Year				Number Marked Inactive During the Year Under Rule of the Court				Number Marked Inactive at Any Time, Pending at End of Year, and Subject to Dismissal under the Rule				Number of Days during which Court has Sat for Hearings or Trials											
	Law				Law				Law															
	Jury	Without Jury	Equity	Divorce and Nullity	Jury	Without Jury	Equity	Divorce and Nullity	Jury	Without Jury	Equity	Divorce and Nullity	Jury	Without Jury	Number Remaining at First of Year	Number of Indictments Returned	Number of Appeal Cases	Number of Actions on Bail Bonds or Recognizances Entered	Number Disposed of in Previous Years, Brought Forward for Redisposition	Number Disposed of during Year	Number Remaining at End of Year	Number Tried During Year	Number Awaiting Trial at End of Year	Number of Days during which Court has Sat for Trials, Hearings or Dispositions
Barnstable	207	103	51	20	12	16	6	2	50	46	21	18	24	1	69	41	66	–	–	109	67	8	52	11
Berkshire	222	57	47	43	52	27	16	–	135	74	45	41	43	14	119	43	68	4	–	176	58	19	15	22
Bristol	1,930	406	179	182	241	68	63	–	518	195	216	185	112	27	1,055	407	1,650	6	–	2,184	934	68	665	65
Dukes	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	9	14	2	–	–	3½	10	2	13	–	–	16	9	–	–	1½
Essex	5,693	906	857	259	718	136	95	3	1,682	337	434	255	275	70	541	466	1,023	51	67	1,456	692	279	493	177
Franklin	105	38	40	1	33	13	9	1	74	48	48	24	39	2	24	18	30	–	–	54	18	4	12	11
Hampden	2,982	989	771	564	314	137	111	91	905	424	362	220	176	93	226	150	401	10	2	495	294	71	294	59
Hampshire	267	123	99	40	39	25	11	2	93	61	30	34	37	1½	130	55	135	2	–	242	80	50	58	38½
Middlesex	10,496	1,998	1,474	65	1,021	239	165	9	3,079	701	616	57	514	60	401	1,151	1,468	40	107	2,868	299	544	273	267
Nantucket	14	–	2	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	–	–	2	–	1	2	1	–	1	2
Norfolk	2,577	750	335	103	254	88	48	3	725	195	110	99	105	22	198	217	362	2	32	599	212	94	191	102
Plymouth	1,368	337	233	160	130	64	43	7	425	198	102	117	87	21	166	245	388	5	143	[1]682	284	94	142	83
Suffolk	25,751	4,317	5,950	177	2,225	645	1,043	36	9,970	3,550	3,147	232	1,265	800	834	979	5,189	75	313	7,029	361	1,183	249	791
Worcester	4,749	911	620	194	594	163	102	4	1,603	450	[2]231	192	247	92	158	280	1,131	23	84	1,622	54	139	43	130
Total	56,361	10,935	10,658	1,808	5,633	1,621	1,712	158	19,268	6,293	5,364	1,474	2,924	1,209	3,931	4,054	11,926	218	749	17,534	3,363	2,553	2,488	1,760

[1] Including 19 cases with 2 dispositions during year.

[2] One taken from last year's report in which there is a receiver.

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Office of the Secretary, January 5, 1931.

To the Honorable Senate and the House of Representatives:

I have the honor to submit, in compliance with General Laws, chapter 9, section 17, the annual report of the transactions of this office for the year ending November 30, 1930, the returns of the sheriffs of the several counties of money received by them, and of their attendance upon a court of record and the county commissioners; a report showing the aggregate vote, both affirmative and negative, on every act or part of an act which shall have been referred by the General Court for acceptance or rejection to the voters of the Commonwealth or any part thereof, or to the city council of any city, during the calendar year 1930; and a record of the work of this Department in respect to public records under chapter 66 of the General Laws.

There is also presented, in compliance with General Laws, chapter 221, section 24, as amended, abstract and tabular statements of the returns of the clerks of the courts for the several counties and the clerks of the Superior Court for civil and for criminal business in Suffolk county; as to civil cases, the number of law, equity and divorce cases pending at the beginning of each year in the Superior Court for their respective counties, the number of each of said classes of cases entered during the year, the number of cases of each class disposed of in previous years and brought forward this year, the number of law cases transferred to equity, and the number of equity cases transferred to law, the number of jury, without jury, equity, and divorce cases disposed of during the year, the number of each of these four classes of cases pending at end of the year, the number of each of these classes of cases tried during the year (not including number in which issues were tried to a jury), the number of equity cases in which issues were tried to a jury, the number of jury, without jury, equity, and divorce cases awaiting trial at end of the year, the number of each of said classes of cases marked inactive during the year under rule of the court, and the number of each of said classes of cases marked inactive at any time, pending at end of the year, and subject to dismissal under the rule, and the number of days during which court has sat for hearings or trials with jury and without jury; and, as to criminal cases, the number of such cases remaining at the first of each year in the superior court for their respective counties, the number of indictments returned during the year, the number of appealed cases entered during the year, the number of actions on bail bonds or recognizances entered, the number disposed of in previous years which have been brought forward for redisposition, the number of cases disposed of during the year, the number of cases remaining at end of the year, the number of cases tried during the year, the number awaiting trial at end of the year, and the number of days during which the court has sat in their respective counties for trials, hearings, or dispositions.

Receipts and Expenditures

The following table shows, in detail, receipts from fees, etc., all of which were paid into the treasury daily and quarterly reports thereof made to the Governor and Council, as required by General Laws, chapter 9, section 1:—

Commissions		$17,140 00
Corporation Certificates		456,714 80
Limited Partnerships		240 00
Labels, Trade-marks, etc.		5,475 00
Sale of Books, etc.		47,707 85
Certificates		3,287 00
Military Records		149 75
Copies:		
Corporations	$8,369 41	
Archives	3,913 68	
		12,283 09
Miscellaneous:		
Vital Statistics	$1,481.04	
Advance Sheets	538 00	
		2,019 04
		$545,016 53

The total expenses for salaries and incidentals during the year were $132,750.78. It appears, therefore, that there was turned into the treasury of the Commonwealth $412,265.75 over the office expenses.

Commissions

The number of commissions issued during the year ending November 30, 1930, was 3,796 (an increase of 212 from the preceding year), of which 368 were without fee and 41 became void by reason of the failure of the appointees to take out the commissions or to qualify thereunder. The different classes were as follows:—

Notaries public	2,804
Justices of the peace	597
Special district police officers	22
Trustees, commissioners, etc.	174
Public warehousemen	34
Justices of the peace to solemnize marriages	12
Public administrators	5
Masters in chancery	10
Medical examiners	9
Clerks, municipal and district courts	14
Commissioners in other States	3
Commissioners in Foreign Countries	1
Justices and special justices, municipal and district courts	24
Associate medical examiners	12
Justices of the peace to issue warrants and take bail	4
Trial Justices	3
Commissioners to qualify public officers	1
Pilot commissioners	2
Deputy pilot commissioners	3
Board of Police, Fall River	1
Finance Commission, City of Boston	2
Recorder, Land Court	1
Justices, Superior Court	1
Sheriff	1
Police Commissioner, City of Boston	1
District Attorney	1
Board of Excise, City of Chelsea	1
Licensing Board, City of Boston	1
Supervisors of Election, City of Chelsea	8
Supervisors of Election, City of Revere	22
Supervisors of Primaries, City of Revere	22
	3,796

Certificates to the number of 7,887 were issued, of which 1,313 were for certificates for which no fees are charged.

Corporation Division (Rooms 332 and 333)

The total number of certificates of incorporation issued under General Laws to new corporations for the fiscal year ending November 30, 1930, was 2,832—a decrease of 166 as compared with the fiscal year ending November 30, 1929. They were classified as follows:—

Trading corporations (under General Laws, chapter 156, section 12)	2,540
Religious, charitable, social, educational, musical, athletic, etc., corporations (under General Laws, chapter 180, section 3)	228
Fraternal beneficiary corporations (under General Laws, chapter 176, section 9)	16
Churches (under General Laws, chapter 67, section 51)	13
Credit unions (under General Laws, chapter 171, section 3)	28
Insurance companies (under General Laws, chapter 175, section 49)	2
Trust companies (under General Laws, chapter 172, section 10)	2
Gas and electric companies (under General Laws, chapter 164, section 5)	3

The number of miscellaneous certificates filed and recorded was 21,547—an increase of 140 as compared with the fiscal year ending November 30, 1929. Of these, 16,802 were certificates of condition of Massachusetts corporations (under General Laws, chapter 158, section 37 and chapter 156, section 47); 2,540 were articles of organization of trading corporations (under General Laws, chapter 156, section 12); 228 were certificates of religious, charitable, social and other organizations (under General Laws, chapter 180); 713 were certificates of issue of capital stock of trading corporations (under General Laws, chapter 156, sections 16 and 17), and the others were distributed among 25 different classes.

The number of miscellaneous certificates filed was 2,209, of which 2,110 were certificates of condition of foreign corporations (under General Laws, chapter 181, section 12), and the others were divided among 12 other classes.

There were issued 35 certificates of change of name of corporations (under General Laws, chapter 155, section 10, and chapter 180, section 11).

Returns were received of the dissolution of 26 corporations by the Supreme Judicial and Superior Courts.

Under the act relating to the incorporation of clubs, charters were refused, in 7 cases, 2 charters declared void, and 6 applications for incorporation withdrawn. Under the law relative to change of name of clubs, 1 such application was refused.

Limited partnership certificates to the number of 24 were filed and recorded.

In the Corporation Division, 3,602 certified copies of the records and certificates were supplied—a decrease of 244 as compared with the fiscal year ending November 30, 1929.

Labels, Trade-Marks, etc. (Room 333)

By General Laws, chapter 110, section 8, which relates to the adoption and registration of labels, trade-marks, stamps and forms of advertisement, the duty is placed upon the Secretary of the Commonwealth of receiving, filing and recording such labels, etc., and of issuing and recording certificates of record. Under this law, labels, trade-marks, stamps and forms of advertisement were received, and certificates of record issued and recorded, in 204 cases.

Under General Laws, chapter 110, section 8, which provides for the assignment of labels, trade-marks, stamps and forms of advertisement, 15 assignments were received, and certificates of registration issued and recorded.

Marks and Devices on Cans, etc. (Room 333)

By General Laws, chapter 110, section 17, which provides for the protection of owners of cans, bottles, boxes, siphons and fountains used in the sale of soda water, mineral and aerated waters, ale, beer, ginger ale or similar beverages, it is made the duty of the Secretary of the Commonwealth to receive and file descriptions of marks, devices, etc., and under this law 3 such descriptions were received and filed. Under General Laws, chapter 110, section 21, as amended by chapter 37, Acts of 1924, which provides for the protection of dealers and consumers against the unlawful use and destruction of milk and ice cream cans, jugs, bottles, jars, tubs or cabinets, 13 descriptions of marks, devices, etc., were received and filed.

Vital Statistics Division (Room 334)

Under the provisions of General Laws, chapter 46, section 17, returns of births and marriages from 355 cities and towns and births from the State Infirmary at Tewksbury, for the year 1929 which were received in 1930, cover 74,122 births and 30,568 marriages, a decrease of 4,932 births and an increase of 1,486 marriages, as compared with the returns of 1928.

Under the provisions of the same law 52,171 certified copies of records of deaths were received, covering the period from January 1, 1929, to December 31, 1929, an increase of 729 as compared with the returns of 1928.

Medical examiners' returns for 1929 cover 8,097, an increase of 76 as compared with the returns for 1928.

Returns by clerks of courts and registers of probate of the decrees of divorce for 1929 number 5,028, an increase of 846 as compared with the returns for 1928.

These figures are fully compiled and analyzed in the annual registration report for 1929 (Public Document No. 1), and were available August 2, 1930.

During the year 2,776 certificates of birth, 1,105 certificates of marriage and 965 certificates of death were issued, a total of 4,846. There were 15,006 requests for records. Fees received from these certificates amounted to $1,481.04.

5,280 abstracts of birth records for school, employment and enlistment purposes were issued without charge.

There were 30,252 delayed records of birth and corrections of birth records received; 68 corrections of marriage and 26 corrections of death records were also received.

Naturalization Returns

Under the provisions of General Laws, chapter 220, section 19, returns were received of the naturalization of 3,936 persons before the superior courts of the Commonwealth during the year 1929, an increase of 672 as compared with the returns of 1928. These returns were indexed and bound in convenient form for reference, as required by law.

Changes of Names of Persons

The returns of 1,352 names, changed in 1929 as decreed by the several probate courts, were received and filed in compliance with the requirements of General Laws, chapter 210, section 12.

Archives Division (Room 438)

There have been made during the past fiscal year 140 military certificates, 21 typewritten copies and 11,498 photostatic copies of legislative records and

files, maps, corporation records, finger prints, etc. The following fees were received: military certificates, $149.75; typewritten copies, $23.60; photostatic copies, $3,890.08; totalling $4,063.43.

The past year having marked the tercentenary of the founding of the Massachusetts Bay Colony, an unusually large number of persons visited the office to see the Charter which was brought here in 1630. Many of these came from distant states, and several were from foreign countries. Several thousand rotogravure copies of the Charter, in reduced size, were printed for public distribution, and many of these were given to visitors at the display of the department in connection with the state exhibitions at Springfield and at the Commonwealth Armory in Boston.

The division rendered much service to the Massachusetts Tercentenary Commission in the matters of designing the special postage stamp issued by the United States post-office department to celebrate the year; in preparing inscriptions for historic markers and in selecting sites for the markers; and in the preparation of the manuscript of the book entitled "Pathways of the Puritans," which was published by the Commission.

Three hundred and fifty copies each of two volumes of Lowell records of births and marriages to 1850, compiled by Essex Institute, and a volume of Dartmouth records of marriages for the same period, compiled by the New England Historic Genealogical Society, have been purchased and have been distributed to libraries by the Document Division. (Chap. 562, Acts of 1920, and Chap. 199, Acts of 1922.)

From the Massachusetts Historical Society have been received Volume XI of their reprint of the Journals of the House of Representatives of Massachusetts (1732–1734).

From Richard W. Hale, Esq., has been received a set of photostatic copies of many documents found in England relating to the Charter of 1629, together with typewritten explanatory notes. From Mr. Hale also have been received two replicas of the wax impression of the Great Seal of England of the time of Charles I, similar to that affixed to the Charter.

Public Document Division (Room 118)

During the year 1930 the following publications were received for distribution through the Public Document Division: 60,485 volumes of the Public Document Series, representing 76 reports of the several state departments, boards and commissions; 9,500 copies of the 1930 pamphlet edition of the session laws; 9,000 copies of the 1930 bound edition of the session laws, commonly called the Blue Book; 600 copies each of the Senate and House Journals, 1930, total, 1,200 copies (from the Sergeant-at-Arms); 454 copies each of the Massachusetts Reports, Nos. 264, 265 and 266, total, 1,362 copies; 650 copies of the Sixty-fourth Annual Encampment, Department of Massachusetts, G. A. R., 1930; 600 copies of the Proceedings of the thirtieth Annual Encampment, Department of Massachusetts, U. S. W. V., 1929; 1,800 copies of the Annual Proceedings, The American Legion, Department of Massachusetts, 1929; 800 copies of the Annual Proceedings, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Massachusetts, 1929; 350 copies each of the Early Vital Records of Dartmouth (Marriages, Vol. 2), Lowell (Births, Vol. 1), Lowell (Marriages, Vol. 2), total, 1,050 copies; 300 copies of the Journals of the House of Representatives, Vol. 11, 1732–34; 30 copies of the 1929 report of the Finance Commission for the City of Boston, which copies were received from the above commission; 10,000 copies of the Manual for the Instruction of Applicants for the Police Service of Cities and Towns in Massachusetts; 100 copies of the 1929 report of the Finance Commission for the City of Lowell, which copies were received from the above commission; 9,469 copies of the edition of the Manual of Fire Department Equipment and Practice; 648 copies of the 1928 Returns of Gas, Electric and Water Companies and Municipal Lighting Plants; 362 copies of the 1929 Returns of Gas, Electric and Water Companies and Municipal

Lighting Plants; 5,000 copies of the General Laws Relating to Primaries, Caucuses and Elections, 1930; 300 copies of the Index to the General Laws of Massachusetts; 2,060 copies of the Statutes Relating to Savings Banks, 1929; 1,025 copies of the Statutes Relating to Trust Companies, 1929; 750 copies of the Statues Relating to Co-operative Banks, 1929; 1,010 copies of the Statutes Relating to Credit Unions, 1929; 3,414 copies of the General Laws Relating to Corporations, 1929; 2,500 copies of the reprint of Vol. 2 of the publication "Birds of Massachusetts and Other New England States"; 10,000 copies of Vol. 3 of the publication "Birds of Massachusetts and Other New England States"; making a grand total of 133,415 volumes that have passed through this division during the year.

In addition to the above, the following were received for distribution in this division: 4,155 copies of the publication "Pathways of the Puritans"; 25,000 rotogravure copies of the Massachusetts Bay Colony Charter and 978 sets of State Constitution cards, for use by Registrars of Voters.

Division of Public Records (Room 252)

Inspections

Under the provisions of General Laws, chapter 66, section 1, there have been made by the Supervisor of Records during the year 1930 inspections of the care, custody, condition and protection against fires of the public records of the departments and offices of the counties, cities and towns as follows:

Alford, Amesbury, Amherst, Arlington, Barre, Bedford, Belchertown, Berlin, Bernardston, Beverly, Blandford, Bolton, Bourne, Buckland, Charlemont, Chester, Chesterfield, Cummington, Danvers, Dedham, Deerfield, Dracut, Egremont, Enfield, Erving, Fitchburg, Goshen, Granby, Granville, Great Barrington, Greenwich, Hadley, Holden, Hubbardston, Lancaster, Lenox, Leominster, Leyden, Longmeadow, Lunenburg, Marlborough, Methuen, Middlefield, Monson, Monterey, Mount Washington, New Marlborough, Northampton, Orange, Palmer, Pelham, Petersham, Pittsfield, Plainfield, Plymouth, Prescott, Princeton, Richmond, Russell, Sandisfield, Sheffield, Shelburne, South Hadley, Springfield, Sudbury, Tolland, Tyringham, Ware, Warwick, Wendell, West Stockbridge, Westhampton, Westminster, Williamsburg, Wilmington, Worcester, Worthington.

During the year 23 vaults and 9 safes have been approved by this office.

Fires

On the afternoon of February 5, 1930, fire totally destroyed the Town Hall at Sudbury. The vault which contained the town records preserved its contents intact.

City Halls

The City of Woburn has begun the construction of a new City Hall. This building will also house the Police Department and the District Court. The City of Beverly is enlarging its vault.

Town Halls

The new Town Office building at Longmeadow is completed and occupied. The town halls at Leyden and Hatfield are completed and occupied. Alterations have been made in the Town Hall at Concord to accommodate the District Court. Two new vaults have been constructed in the Town Hall at Hingham.

Court Houses

Hampshire County is erecting an annex to the present Court House at Northampton; Bristol County is erecting a building on the Court House grounds at Fall River to house the Law Library and Registry of Deeds.

District Courts

Hampden County has completed its District Court House at Springfield.

Repairing and Binding

Records have been repaired and rebound during the year for the City of Attleboro, Towns of Deerfiled, Rockport and Wrentham, Registries of Deeds at Plymouth, Taunton and Northampton, and Registry of Probate at Taunton.

Typewriter Ribbons and Stamping Pads

A number of typewriter ribbons are now being tested and if approved, will be published in our next list.

Legislative Counsel and Agents' Expenses

In compliance with General Laws, chapter 3, sections 39 to 50 inclusive, relative to legislative counsel and agents' expenses incurred or paid in connection with the promoting or opposing legislation during the last session of the General Court, there were 241 entries made in the dockets, a decrease of fifteen as compared with 1929.

Returns covering 239 of these entries were received in this office from persons, associations or corporations employing legislative counsel or agents. Two failed to file returns and were therefore reported to the Attorney General. Thirty returns appeared not to conform to law, twenty-two of which were later corrected. It therefore was necessary to report the remaining eight returns to the Attorney General as required by law.

The total amount reported as paid to legislative counsel and agents was $88,015.02; in addition to this $11,861.39 represented annual salaries or retainers apportioned and $50,539.00 unapportioned. Twenty-seven employers stated that they paid nothing.

Proclamations

The proclamations of His Excellency the Governor for the observance of Lincoln Day, Arbor and Bird Day, Flag Day and Thanksgiving Day were printed and distributed under the direction of this office.

Of the Lincoln Day proclamations 11,000 copies were distributed to churches, schools, institutions, patriotic societies, postmasters and city and town clerks. Of the Arbor and Bird Day proclamations 10,200 copies were mailed to churches, schools, granges, agricultural societies, institutions, postmasters and city and town clerks. Flag Day proclamations to the number of 11,000 were mailed to churches, schools, postmasters, patriotic societies, institutions and city and town clerks, and 10,000 Thanksgiving proclamations were sent to churches, schools, postmasters and city and town clerks.

In addition to the above, proclamations were printed and distributed as follows: For the observance of Spanish War Memorial Day and Maine Memorial Day, February 15, 1930, 11,000 copies were printed and mailed to churches, schools, institutions, patriotic societies, postmasters and city and town clerks. On the decease of Justice William Howard Taft March 10, 1930, 11,000 proclamations were printed and mailed to churches, schools, institutions, patriotic societies, postmasters and city and town clerks. Fire Prevention Week was designated to include the week of October 15, 1930, and 6,650 copies of the Governor's proclamation were distributed to the fire chiefs of the Commonwealth for churches, schools and post offices. For the observance of Legion Week, beginning Saturday, October 4, 1930, 6,450 proclamations of His Excellency the Governor were printed and distributed by The American Legion.

A proclamation was also issued for calling together the members of the General Court on October 20, 1930, to observe the three hundredth anniversary of the establishment of the General Court, 500 copies of which were mailed to members of the General Court, justices of the Supreme Judicial, Superior and District Courts and city and town clerks. His Excellency the Governor also issued a proclamation concerning the opening of the Metropolitan State Hospital and 1,000 copies were printed and mailed to the justices of the Supreme Judicial, Superior and District Courts, institutions under the general supervision of the Department of Mental Diseases and city and town clerks.

For the observance of Armistice Day, November 11, 1930, 11,000 proclamations were printed and distributed to schools, churches, institutions, patriotic societies, postmasters and city and town clerks. A proclamation was also issued by the Governor on December 3, 1930, promulgating the seventy-first article of amendment to the Constitution, 1,000 copies of which were printed and distributed to the justices of the Supreme Judicial and Superior Courts, district attorneys and city and town clerks.

In observance of "Be Kind to Animals Week," April 21 to 26, 1930, and Humane Sunday, April 27, 1930, a proclamation was issued by His Excellency the Governor to the press. On April 30, 1930, a proclamation closing the woodlands of the Commonwealth to hunting was also issued to the press. On May 7, 1930, a proclamation suspending the open season for fishing in the Commonwealth was issued to the press and on May 15, 1930, a proclamation proclaiming the open season for fishing was issued by His Excellency the Governor to the press.

On July 10, 1930, a proclamation was issued to the press to commemorate the three hundredth anniversary of the founding of the Massachusetts Bay Colony and in recognition of the courage, faith and many other sterling qualities of the founders of the Commonwealth. On July 25, 1930, a proclamation was issued to the press on Save-a-Life Period. On October 14, 1930, the Governor by proclamation closed the woodlands of the Commonwealth to hunting and on October 16, 1930, a proclamation was issued by the Governor to the press to open the woodlands of the Commonwealth.

Pardons, Commutations, Requisitions, etc.

The number of pardons, under parole conditions, made out and issued during the year was 16; pardons, unconditional, 1; commutations, 4; requisitions upon other States, 259; upon the Secretary of the Navy of the United States, 4; upon the Secretary of State of the United States for extradition requests upon foreign countries, 3; and warrants issued upon requisitions from other States, 39.

Initiative Petitions

An Act to Establish the University of Massachusetts. (Filed September 13, 1930; no subsequent signatures filed.)

Rules and Regulations of State Departments

By chapter 30, section 37, General Laws, certain rules and regulations of departments, commissions, boards or officials vested by law with the power to make and issue rules and regulations general in scope, and to be observed or performed under penalty for the violation thereof, shall not take effect until attested copies thereof have been filed with the Secretary of the Commonwealth. Under this law rules and regulations were filed by the following departments during the year 1930: Department of Agriculture, Department of Civil Service and Registration, Department of Conservation, Department of Labor and Industries, Department of Public Health, Department of Public Safety, Department of Public Works, Hampshire County Commissioners and Metropolitan District Commission.

Miscellaneous

The two reports from this office which form a part of the Public Document series, namely, Returns of Births, Marriages, Divorces, and Deaths (Public Document No. 1) and Returns of Assessed Polls, Registered Voters and Persons who voted, etc. (Public Document No. 43) have been made, as required by law.

Frederic W. Cook,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Returns from Cities and Towns relative to Action taken under Certain Provisions of the General Laws

When Received	City or Town	Subject and Reference	Action	Date of Action
1929				
Dec. 18	Springfield	Annuities to families of policemen and firemen, G. L. 32, § 89, as amended by 1929, 308	Accepted	Nov. 12, 1929
1930				
Jan. 3	Lowell	Annuities to families of policemen and firemen, G. L. 32, § 89, as amended by 1929, 308	Accepted	Dec. 28, 1929
Jan. 25	Chicopee	Annuities to families of policemen and firemen, G. L. 32, § 89, as amended by 1929, 308	Accepted	Nov. 7, 1929
Jan. 25	Lawrence	Reserve forces in fire departments of cities (1928, 218)	Accepted	Oct. 1, 1928
Jan. 25	Lawrence	Compensation to dependents of policemen and firemen (1928, 402)	Accepted	Nov. 5, 1928
Jan. 25	Lawrence	Annuities to families of policemen and firemen, G. L. 32, § 89, as amended by 1929, 308	Accepted	Oct. 1, 1929
Jan. 27	New Bedford	Annuities to families of policemen and firemen, G. L. 32, § 89, as amended by 1929, 308	Accepted	Jan. 24, 1930
Feb. 12	Haverhill	Annuities to families of policemen and firemen, G. L. 32, § 89, as amended by 1928, 402	Accepted	Feb. 11, 1930
Feb. 26	Brockton	Annuities to families of policemen and firemen, G. L. 32, § 89, as amended by 1929, 308	Accepted	Feb. 24, 1930
Mar. 3	Medford	Annuities to families of policemen and firemen, G. L. 32, § 89, as amended by 1929, 308	Accepted	Feb. 26, 1930
Mar. 4	Chicopee	Registrars of voters, G. L. 51, § 17	Accepted	Feb. 17, 1930
Mar. 6	West Bridgewater	Civil service for police and chief of police, G. L. 31, §§ 48 and 49	Accepted	Mar. 3, 1930
Mar. 10	Barnstable	Licensed boxing matches, G. L. 147, §§ 32-47	Accepted	Mar. 4, 1930
Mar. 11	North Adams	Collection of water rates, 1923, 391	Accepted	Mar. 4, 1930
Mar. 12	Natick	Police department established, G. L. 41, § 97	Accepted	Mar. 3, 1930
Mar. 13	Malden	Annuities to families of policemen and firemen, G. L. 32, § 89, as amended by 1929, 308	Accepted	Mar. 1, 1930
Mar. 15	Somerville	Publication of ordinances and proposed ordinances in certain cities (1929, 369)	Accepted	Feb. 27, 1930
Mar. 20	Hardwick	Smoke nuisance, G. L. 140, §§ 132–136	Accepted	Mar, 8, 1930
Mar. 24	Cambridge	One day off in every eight days to police officers, G. L. 147, § 16, as amended by 1930, 58	Accepted	Mar. 22, 1930
Mar. 25	Leominster	Management of town forests, G. L. 45, § 21, as amended by 1927, 212	Accepted	Mar. 10, 1930
Mar. 31	Marblehead	Chief of police under civil service, G. L. 31, §§ 48 and 49	Accepted	Mar. 27, 1930
Mar. 31	Marblehead	Board of survey, G. L. 41, §§ 73–81	Accepted	Mar. 27, 1930
Apr. 7	Framingham	Annuities to families of policemen and firemen, 1928, 402, as amended by 1929, 308	Accepted	Mar. 14, 1930
Apr. 10	Malden	Response of fire departments to calls for aid from other cities, towns or districts, 1925, 250 (G. L. 48, § 59A)	Accepted	Apr. 8, 1930
Apr. 16	Randolph	Civil service for chief of police, G. L. 31, § 49	Accepted	Mar. 24, 1930
Apr. 16	Randolph	School committee, 1925, 178	Accepted	Mar. 24, 1930
Apr. 16	Randolph	Annuities to families of policemen and firemen, 1928, 402, as amended by 1929, 308	Accepted	Mar. 24, 1930
Apr. 17	Randolph	Board of health, G. L. 41, § 1	Accepted	Apr. 8, 1930
May 8	Concord	Sunday sales, G. L. 136, §§ 7 and 8	Accepted	Mar. 31, 1930
May 10	Great Barrington	Pensions for policemen, G. L. 32, § 85	Accepted	Mar. 24, 1930
June 26	Auburn	Appointment of town accountant, G. L. 41, § 55	Accepted	June 6, 1930
June 26	Malden	Registrars of voters, G. L. 51, § 17	Accepted	Apr. 29, 1930
Aug. 15	Wakefield	Sewers and pipes in unaccepted ways, G. L. 82, § 25	Accepted	Aug. 13, 1930
Sept. 18	Revere	Uniforms for police and fire departments, 1930, 351 (G. L. 40, § 6B)	Accepted	Sept. 10, 1930
Oct. 1	Raynham	Police department established, G. L. 41, § 97	Accepted	Mar. 8, 1930
Oct. 3	Revere	Display of national flag at polling places, 1930, 149 (G. L. 54, § 25A)	Accepted	Oct. 1, 1930
Oct. 28	Boston	Pension for Army Nurses of the Spanish and World Wars, 1930, 161 (G. L. 32, § 60A)	Accepted	Sept, 2, 1930
Nov. 24	Plymouth	Two platoon system in fire department, G. L. 48, § 59	Accepted	Nov. 4, 1930

Returns relative to the Acceptance or Rejection of Certain Special Acts passed by the General Court and Referred to the Voters, to the City Council of a City, to the Selectmen of a Town, or the County Commissioners of a County

When Received	From Whom Received	Title of Act	Date of Action	Vote	
				Yes	No
1929					
Dec. 5	Clerk, Bristol County Commissioners	An Act authorizing the county commissioners of the county of Bristol to provide adequate accommodations for the registry of deeds for the Fall River district of said county (1929, 250)	Dec. 5, 1929	–[1]	–
Dec. 12	Board of Election Commissioners, Boston	An Act to establish a board of commissioners of school buildings and a department of school buildings in the city of Boston (1929, 351)	Nov. 5, 1929	110,453	57,276
Dec. 23	City Clerk, North Adams	An Act subjecting the office of chief engineer of the fire department of the city of North Adams to the civil service laws (1929, 149)	Dec. 10, 1929	2,558	638
Dec. 24	City Clerk, Chelsea	An Act subjecting the office of superintendent of buildings and inspector of buildings of the city of Chelsea to the civil service laws (1929, 233)	Dec. 10, 1929	5,183	2,419
Dec. 26	City Clerk, Holyoke	An Act to establish a two-year term of office for the mayor of the city of Holyoke (1929, 92)	Dec. 3, 1929	4,706	11,640
1930					
Jan. 8	City Clerk, Melrose	An Act amending the charter of the city of Melrose (1929, 294)	June 18, 1929	–[2]	–
Jan. 8	City Clerk, Cambridge	An Act subjecting the office of superintendent of public buildings and inspector of buildings in the city of Cambridge to the civil service laws (1929, 69)	Nov. 5, 1929	15,886	4,098
Jan. 8	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the county of Suffolk to pay a sum of money to the parents of Michael J. Downey (1929, 346)	June 5, 1929	–[3]	–
Jan. 8	Chairman, Hampden County Commissioners	An Act to provide additional accommodations at the Hampshire County Sanatorium at Leeds in the city of Northampton (1929, 184)	July 17, 1929	–[4]	–
Jan. 8	Clerk, Franklin County Commissioners	An Act to provide additional accommodations at the Hampshire County Sanatorium at Leeds in the city of Northampton (1929, 184)	July 24, 1929	–[5]	–
Jan. 8	Clerk, Hampshire County Commissioners	An Act to provide additional accommodations at the Hampshire County Sanatorium at Leeds in the city of Northampton (1929, 184)	Aug. 6, 1929	–[6]	–
Jan. 8	Town Clerk, Mansfield	An Act to authorize the town of Mansfield to construct and maintain a system of sewerage and sewage disposal (1929, 348)	July 8, 1929	–[7]	–
Jan. 8	City Clerk, Westfield	An Act authorizing the city of Westfield to reimburse James A. Reagan for certain expenses incurred by reason of injuries sustained by his minor daughter in the high school building of said city (1929, 167)	June 6, 1929	–[3]	–
Jan. 8	City Clerk, Lawrence	An Act relative to the salaries of the mayor and other members of the city council of the city of Lawrence (1929, 114)	Dec. 10, 1929	5,402	11,757
Jan. 9	Town Clerk, Chatham	An Act authorizing certain cemetery corporations in the town of Chatham to transfer the cemeteries, and other property and trust funds of said corporations, to said town (1929, 327)	Dec. 11, 1929	22	0
Jan. 9	Clerk, Berkshire County Commissioners	An Act to provide additional accommodations at the Hampshire County Sanatorium at Leeds in the city of Northampton (1929, 184)	Aug. 7, 1929	–[8]	–
Jan. 9	City Clerk, Malden	An Act providing for biennial municipal elections in the city of Malden (1929, 141)	Dec. 10, 1929	5,993	6,017
Jan. 11	Town Clerk, Danvers	An Act authorizing the town of Danvers to maintain a public hospital for the use of the inhabitants of said town (1929, 68)	Jan. 6, 1930	163	0
Jan. 11	Town Clerk, Saugus	An Act authorizing the town of Saugus to construct and operate a system of sewers (1929, 350)	July 29, 1929	97	0
Jan. 14	City Clerk, Somerville	An Act authorizing Charles A. Cushman and Edith W. Cushman to build and maintain a footbridge over the lower level of Somerville Avenue in the city of Somerville (1929, 56)	July 3, 1929	–[2]	–
Feb. 1	Town Clerk, Braintree	An Act relative to granting one day off in every eight days to police officers in the town of Braintree (1929, 63)	Feb. 25, 1929	–[9]	–
Feb. 4	City Clerk, Boston	An Act to provide additional court house accommodations and facilities for the courts and other officials in the county of Suffolk (1929, 368)	Dec. 3, 1929	–	–[10]

RETURNS RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF CERTAIN SPECIAL ACTS PASSED BY THE GENERAL COURT AND REFERRED TO THE VOTERS, TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF A CITY, TO THE SELECTMEN OF A TOWN, OR THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF A COUNTY —*Continued*

When Received	From Whom Received	Title of Act	Date of Action	Vote	
				Yes	No
1930					
Feb. 7	Secretary, Norfolk County Commissioners	An Act providing for certain improvements at the Norfolk County Tuberculosis Hospital (1930, 10)	Feb. 4, 1930	–[11]	–
Feb. 13	Hampshire County Commissioners	An Act increasing the amount that may be borrowed by the county of Hampshire to provide adequate court house accommodations in the city of Northampton (1930, 9)	Feb. 4, 1930	–[6]	–
Mar. 10	Town Clerk, Barnstable	An Act to permit certain sports and games on the Lord's day (1928, 406)	Mar. 4, 1930	–[7]	–
Mar. 10	City Clerk, Lowell	An Act providing for the establishment of reserve forces in the fire departments of cities (1928, 218)	Mar. 8, 1930	–[3]	–
Mar. 11	City Clerk, Cambridge	An Act relative to pensions for firemen in certain cities (1930, 70)	Mar. 10, 1930	–[3]	–
Mar. 11	City Clerk, Holyoke	An Act providing for the establishment of reserve forces in the fire departments of cities (1928, 218)	Mar. 4, 1930	–[2]	–
Mar. 22	Assistant Clerk, Middlesex County Commissioners	An Act authorizing the county commissioners of the county of Middlesex to provide adequate accommodations for the district court of Newton (1930, 126)	Mar. 21, 1930	–[12]	–
April 1	City Clerk, Cambridge	An Act providing for the licensing in the city of Cambridge of open air parking spaces and establishments letting motor vehicles for hire (1930, 121)	Mar. 29, 1930	–[3]	–
April 5	Assistant Clerk, Middlesex County Commissioners	An Act to provide additional funds for the purpose of providing a hospital for the Middlesex County Tuberculosis Hospital District (1930, 175)	April 4, 1930	–[12]	–
April 21	Clerk, Duxbury Fire and Water District	An Act extending the boundaries of the Duxbury Fire and Water District (1929, 341)	April 12, 1930	–[13]	–
April 23	City Clerk, Lowell	An Act to authorize the city of Lowell to pay certain claims legally unenforceable by reason of failure to comply with certain provisions of law (1930, 127)	April 21, 1930	–[3]	–
May 1	City Clerk, Boston	An Act establishing the office of second assistant clerk in the municipal court of the Dorchester district (1930, 152)	April 29, 1930	–[3]	–
May 8	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the city of Boston to establish and maintain an official thoroughfare plan (1930, 168)	May 6, 1930	–[3]	–
May 14	Town Clerk, Tewksbury	An Act authorizing the town of Tewksbury to supply itself and its inhabitants with water, and to buy water from or sell water to the towns of Wilmington and Andover, the city of Lowell and the Commonwealth (1929, 311)	June 28, 1930	60	291
May 15	City Clerk, Worcester	An Act authorizing the city of Worcester to purchase land to be conveyed to the Commonwealth as a site for a new normal school building (1930, 286)	May 14, 1930	–[3]	–
May 15	Town Clerk, Wareham	An Act providing that the civil service laws shall no longer apply to the office of chief of police of the town of Wareham (1929, 25)	Mar. 5, 1929	128	39
May 16	City Clerk, Chicopee	An Act authorizing the city of Chicopee to refund an over-assessment of taxes (1930, 266)	May 5, 1930	–[2]	–
May 19	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the city of Boston to pay a sum of money to the husband of Rachel S. Watson (1930, 295)	May 14, 1930	–[3]	–
June 3	City Clerk, Cambridge	An Act authorizing cities and towns to appropriate money for the purchase of uniforms for members of their police and fire departments (1930, 351)	June 2, 1930	–[3]	–
June 4	City Clerk, Boston	An Act providing for the elimination of the crossing at grade at Governor Square in the city of Boston by street railway cars using the Boylston Street subway (1930, 394)	June 3, 1930	–[3]	–
June 4	Clerk, Boston Elevated Railway Company	An Act providing for the elimination of the crossing at grade at Governor Square in the city of Boston by street railway cars using the Boylston Street subway (1930, 394)	June 3, 1930	–[14]	–
June 5	City Clerk, Boston	An Act relative to the widening and construction of Summer and L Streets in the South Boston district of the city of Boston (1930, 264)	May 12, 1930	–[3]	–

June 5	City Clerk, Boston	An Act to authorize the city of Boston to borrow money for the purpose of constructing sanitary and surface drainage sewers (1930, 304)	May 12, 1930	–[3]	–
June 5	City Clerk, Boston	An Act to authorize the city of Boston to borrow money for the reconstruction of streets (1930, 305)	May 12, 1930	–[3]	–
June 5	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the city of Boston to borrow money for the laying out and construction of streets (1930, 306)	May 12, 1930	–[3]	–
June 14	City Clerk, Revere	An Act authorizing the city of Revere to pay certain claims legally unenforceable by reason of failure to comply with certain provisions of its charter (1930, 85)	June 12, 1930	–[3]	–
June 16	City Clerk, Worcester	An Act authorizing the city of Worcester to acquire for street purposes certain land in said city (1930, 288)	June 11, 1930	–[3]	–
June 18	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the reinstatement of Alfred P. Toner as a member of the fire department of the city of Boston (1930, 322)	June 4, 1930	–[15]	–
June 18	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the reinstatement of Michael Kelley as a member of the fire department of the city of Boston (1930, 323)	June 4, 1930	–[15]	–
June 20	Assistant Clerk, Worcester County Commissioners	An Act authorizing the county of Worcester to acquire land in connection with the proposed widening of the Boston and Worcester turnpike, so-called, in the towns of Shrewsbury, Northborough, Westborough and Southborough (1930, 319)	June 17, 1930	–[16]	–
June 26	Town Clerk, Auburn	An Act to authorize the town of Auburn to borrow an additional sum for the purpose of supplying water to its inhabitants (1930, 197)	May 2, 1930	–[7]	–
July 1	City Clerk, Revere	An Act relative to the tenure of office of the assessors of the city of Revere (1930, 94)	June 25, 1930	–[3]	–
July 2	City Clerk, Beverly	An Act authorizing cities and towns to appropriate money for the purchase of uniforms for members of their police and fire departments (1930, 351)	June 25, 1930	–[2]	–
July 3	City Clerk, Boston	An Act establishing the salaries of the chief justice and the associate justices of the municipal court of the city of Boston (1930, 415)	July 1, 1930	–[3]	–
July 3	City Clerk, North Adams	An Act relative to the service of state and municipal employees in the organized militia, in the organized reserve of the army of the United States or in the United States Naval Reserve Forces (1930, 157)	July 2, 1930	–[3]	–
July 9	City Clerk, Holyoke	An Act relative to the service of state and municipal employees in the organized militia, in the organized reserve of the army of the United States or in the United States Naval Reserve Forces (1930, 157)	July 2, 1930	–[2]	–
July 9	City Clerk, Boston	An Act relative to municipal advertising (1930, 223)	July 7, 1930	–[3]	–
July 11	City Clerk, Boston	An Act relative to pensioning certain members of the police department of the city of Boston (1930, 387)	July 9, 1930	–[3]	–
July 15	City Clerk, Somerville	An Act relative to the service of state and municipal employees in the organized militia, in the organized reserve of the army of the United States or in the United States Naval Reserve Forces (1930, 157)	July 2, 1930	–[2]	–
July 23	Assistant Clerk, Worcester County Commissioners	An Act authorizing the establishment of Doane's Falls Reservation (1930, 334)	June 20, 1930	–[16]	–
July 23	Assistant Clerk, Worcester County Commissioners	An Act increasing the amount that may be expended for the purpose of providing a hospital for the Worcester County Tuberculosis Hospital District (1930, 375)	June 17, 1930	–[16]	–
July 29	City Clerk, Worcester	An Act authorizing the city of Worcester to take over, maintain and manage certain property of the George H. Ward Post No. 10 Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Massasetts (1930, 282)	July 7, 1930	–[3]	–
Aug. 12	City Clerk, Lynn	An Act relative to pensions for firemen in certain cities (1930, 70)	April 22, 1930	–[3]	–
Aug. 15	Town Clerk, Wakefield	An Act relative to reserve police forces in certain towns (1930, 15)	Aug. 13, 1930	–[7]	–
Sept. 3	Town Clerk, Hull	An Act relative to municipal advertising (1930, 223)	Aug. 8, 1930	–[17]	–
Sept. 9	City Clerk, New Bedford	An Act relative to the display of the national flag at polling places (1930, 149)	Aug. 29, 1930	–[2]	–
Sept. 13	Assistant Clerk, Middlesex County Commissioners	An Act relative to the laying out and construction of certain improvements in the town of Tyngsborough, including the construction of a new bridge over the Merrimack river (1930, 303)	Sept. 5, 1930	–[12]	–
Oct. 18	City Clerk, Northampton	An Act changing the date of the biennial municipal election in the city of Northampton (1930, 104)	Oct. 16, 1930	–	–[18]

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When Received	From Whom Received	Title of Act	Date of Action	Vote	
				Yes	No
1930					
Nov. 7	City Clerk, Boston	An Act relative to the salaries of the members of the city council of the city of Boston (1930, 348)	Nov. 4, 1930	77,441	42,417
Nov. 12	Lowell Election Commission	An Act relative to the pensioning of laborers in the employ of the city of Lowell (1930, 61)	Nov. 4, 1930	12,695	12,526
Nov. 12	City Clerk, Westfield	An Act providing for the holding of biennial municipal elections in the city of Westfield in odd-numbered years instead of even-numbered years (1930, 103)	Nov. 4, 1930	3,283	555
Nov. 13	Chairman, Board of Election Commissioners, Somerville	An Act providing retirement allowances based on annuity and pension contributions for employees of the city of Somerville (1930, 184)	Nov. 4, 1930	13,541	11,520
Nov. 15	City Clerk, Worcester	An Act providing for Saturday half holidays for laborers, workmen and mechanics employed by the city of Worcester (1930, 91)	Nov. 4, 1930	40,017	10,500
Nov. 15	City Clerk, Everett	An Act providing for biennial municipal elections in the city of Everett (1930, 361)	Nov. 4, 1930	5,816	2,386
Nov. 15	Board of Election Commissioners, Cambridge	An Act relative to the salaries of the members of the city council of the city of Cambridge (1930, 349)	Nov. 4, 1930	9,774	11,607
Nov. 15	Board of Election Commissioners, Cambridge	An Act to authorize the city of Cambridge to appropriate money for athletic clothing for the equipment of athletic organizations composed of school pupils (1930, 321)	Nov. 4, 1930	14,670	8,374
Nov. 15	City Clerk, Attleboro	An Act relative to preliminary elections for the nomination of candidates for elective municipal office in the city of Attleboro (1930, 234)	Nov. 4, 1930	1,932	2,213
Nov. 15	City Clerk, Pittsfield	An Act relative to the salary of the mayor of the city of Pittsfield (1930, 281)	Nov. 4, 1930	5,881	5,102
Nov. 17	City Clerk, Medford	An Act providing for the holding of biennial municipal elections in the city of Medford in odd-numbered years instead of even-numbered years, and establishing the date of said elections (1930, 279)	Nov. 4, 1930	7,679	2,925
Nov. 24	City Clerk, Chelsea	An Act providing for the appointment of the city solicitor of the city of Chelsea by the mayor instead of by the board of aldermen (1930, 84)	Nov. 4, 1930	2,515	4,797

[1] Accepted by the county commissioners of Bristol County.
[2] Accepted by the board of aldermen.
[3] Accepted by the city council.
[4] Accepted by the county commissioners of Hampden County.
[5] Accepted by the county commissioners of Franklin County.
[6] Accepted by the county commissioners of Hampshire County.
[7] Accepted, affirmative and negative votes not returned.
[8] Accepted by the county commissioners of Berkshire County.
[9] Accepted by the board of selectmen.
[10] Rejected by the city council.
[11] Accepted by the county commissioners of Norfolk County.
[12] Accepted by the county commissioners of Middlesex County.
[13] Accepted by the voters of the district.
[14] Accepted by the board of directors of the Boston Elevated Railway Company.
[15] Accepted by the mayor and city council.
[16] Accepted by the county commissioners of Worcester County.
[17] Adopted by unanimous vote.
[18] Rejected by unanimous vote.

Abstract of the Returns of the Sheriffs of the Several Counties of the Commonwealth for the Year ending September 30, 1930, in Compliance with General Laws, Chapter 37, Section 23

Counties	Amount of Money Received					Number of Days' Attendance			
	From County Treasurer	From All Other Sources	Total	For Fees in Civil Processes	For Fees in Criminal Processes	Upon the Court	Upon County Commissioners	Upon More than One Tribunal Simultaneously	Total.
Barnstable	$1,076 50	$300 00	$1,376 50	–	$300 00	24	–	–	24
Berkshire	2,710 00	–	2,710 00	–	–	26	8	–	34
Bristol	4,000 00	21,915 13	25,915 13	–	–	112	–	–	112
Dukes	618 50	342 31	960 81	$335 21	7 10	6	–	–	6
Essex	4,378 56	18,862 88	23,241 44	–	–	165	–	126	291
Franklin	1,275 00	530 00	1,805 00	–	–	43	–	–	43
Hampden	2,600 00	9,639 49	12,239 49	–	–	208	–	108	316
Hampshire	1,900 00	3,230 00	5,130 00	–	–	81	3	–	84
Middlesex	4,700 00	25,111 21	29,811 21	–	–	1,685	–	202	1,887
Nantucket	878 20	65 00	943 20	–[1]	–[1]	4	–	–	4
Norfolk	4,200 00	10,532 09	14,732 09	–	–	168	–	75	243
Plymouth	4,119 80	8,370 00	12,489 80	–	–	168	46	29	243
Suffolk	3,000 00	60,136 59	63,136 59	–	–	3,317	–	–	3,317
Worcester	4,200 00	17,326 67	21,526 67	–	–	226	–	502	728
Total	$39,656 56	$176,361 37	$216,017 93	$335 21	$307 10	6,233	57	1,042	7,332

[1] Allowed to retain fees by statute.

Abstract and Tabular Statement of the Returns relative to the Law, Equity, Divorce and Criminal business of the Superior Court for the Year Ending June 30, 1930, in Compliance with General Laws, Chapter 221, Section 24, as amended. (Naturalization Business not included.)

Counties	Civil Cases																							
	Number Pending at Beginning of Year			Number of New Cases Entered During the Year			Number Disposed of in Previous Years and Brought Forward This Year			Number Transferred from Law to Equity	Number Transferred from Equity to Law	Number Finally Disposed of				Number Pending at End of Year, Including Pending Inactive Cases				Number Tried during Year				Number of Equity Cases in which Issues were Tried to a Jury
												Law				Law				Law				
	Law	Equity	Divorce and Nullity	Law	Equity	Divorce and Nullity	Law	Equity	Divorce and Nullity			Jury	Without Jury	Equity	Divorce and Nullity	Jury	Without Jury	Equity	Divorce and Nullity	Jury	Without Jury	Equity	Divorce and Nullity	
Barnstable	378	64	20	173	14	–	–	–	–	–	–	123	45	33	18	268	115	45	2	39	4	1	2	2
Berkshire	575	131	43	360	45	–	–	1	–	–	–	270	81	46	41	459	125	131	2	51	10	12	–	1
Bristol	2,708	502	191	1,066	146	–	2	–	–	–	2	772	222	161	185	2,141	643	487	6	126	27	18	1	–
Dukes	64	13	8	26	2	–	–	–	–	–	–	19	6	1	1	23	42	14	7	5	–	–	–	–
Essex	6,643	894	259	2,942	238	1	2	–	–	–	–	2,538	421	370	246	5,583	1,045	762	14	289	58	19	2	–
Franklin	358	124	26	168	16	–	–	–	–	–	–	148	58	62	23	260	60	78	3	21	5	34	–	–
Hampden	4,166	848	695	1,885	206	94	–	4	–	–	–	1,264	468	252	245	3,286	1,033	806	544	171	26	14	167	1
Hampshire	426	100	40	254	16	2	–	–	–	–	1	130	44	17	28	382	125	99	14	30	3	–	3	–
Middlesex	12,693	1,505	68	5,677	446	2	32	–	1	4	4	4,743	771	525	28	10,847	2,041	1,426	43	498	79	26	4	–
Nantucket	31	6	1	32	4	–	–	–	–	–	–	7	2	2	1	27	27	8	–	–	–	–	–	–
Norfolk	3,344	335	103	1,568	107	1	2	–	–	–	–	945	261	92	91	2,916	792	350	13	86	23	6	1	–
Plymouth	1,764	282	193	776	73	85	–	–	–	1	–	586	122	62	170	1,501	331	294	108	87	5	7	75	1
Suffolk	36,270	6,372	286	17,584	2,133	11	4	–	–	15	15	17,187	4,272	2,623	184	26,775	5,609	5,897	113	1,069	325	441	16	7
Worcester	5,753	640	194	2,711	200	–	–	–	–	–	–	2,056	431	218	184	5,099	878	622	10	212	52	54	–	2
Total	75,173	1,816	2,127	35,222	3,646	196	42	5	1	20	22	30,788	7,204	4,464	1,445	59,567	12,866	11,019	879	2,684	617	632	271	14

Abstract and Tabular Statement of the Returns relative to the Law, Equity, Divorce and Criminal Business of the Superior Court for the Year ending June 30, 1930, in Compliance with General Laws, Chapter 221, Section 24, as amended. (Naturalization Business not included.)—Concluded.

Counties	Civil Cases: Number Awaiting Trial at End of Year: Law: Jury	Civil Cases: Number Awaiting Trial at End of Year: Law: Without Jury	Civil Cases: Number Awaiting Trial at End of Year: Equity	Civil Cases: Number Awaiting Trial at End of Year: Divorce and Nullity	Civil Cases: Number Marked Inactive During the Year Under Rule of the Court: Law: Jury	Civil Cases: Number Marked Inactive During the Year Under Rule of the Court: Law: Without Jury	Civil Cases: Number Marked Inactive During the Year Under Rule of the Court: Equity	Civil Cases: Number Marked Inactive During the Year Under Rule of the Court: Divorce and Nullity	Civil Cases: Number Marked Inactive at Any Time, [1] Pending at End of Year, and Subject to Dismissal under the Rule: Law: Jury	Civil Cases: Number Marked Inactive at Any Time, [1] Pending at End of Year, and Subject to Dismissal under the Rule: Law: Without Jury	Civil Cases: Number Marked Inactive at Any Time, [1] Pending at End of Year, and Subject to Dismissal under the Rule: Equity	Civil Cases: Number Marked Inactive at Any Time, [1] Pending at End of Year, and Subject to Dismissal under the Rule: Divorce and Nullity	Civil Cases: Number of Days during which Court has Sat for Hearings or Trials: Jury	Civil Cases: Number of Days during which Court has Sat for Hearings or Trials: Without Jury	Criminal Cases: Number Remaining at First of Year	Criminal Cases: Number of Indictments Returned	Criminal Cases: Number of Appeal Cases	Criminal Cases: Number of Actions on Bail Bonds or Recognizances Entered	Criminal Cases: Number Disposed of in Previous Years, Brought Forward for Redisposition	Criminal Cases: Number Disposed of During Year	Criminal Cases: Number Remaining at End of Year	Criminal Cases: Number Tried During Year	Criminal Cases: Number Awaiting Trial at End of Year	Criminal Cases: Number of Days during which Court has Sat for Trials, Hearings or Dispositions
Barnstable	240	112	31	–	14	11	4	–	22	27	4	2	37	4	67	36	80	1	2	118	68	9	38	11
Berkshire	311	56	39	1	38	13	14	1	116	55	46	–	43	7	59	34	55	5	–	105	48	7	26	17
Bristol	2,028	355	124	4	213	89	75	–	552	206	181	4	133	30	934	302	834	–	–	1,465	605	117	492	82
Dukes	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	9	14	2	–	6 [1]	–	9	11	8	–	–	17	11	4	–	3
Essex	5,470	1,000	739	12	533	139	90	1	1,482	342	291	7	364	61	692	574	1,030	70	105	2,068	403	296	269	158
Franklin	150	9	29	1	26	4	8	–	60	23	28	2	24	6	18	20	35	–	–	50	23	17	14	12
Hampden	3,227	1,011	803	474	274	118	123	70	539	244	227	278	185	79	294	259	210	3	9	708	67	75	67	48
Hampshire	321	119	94	12	30	21	20	1	80	68	40	8	22	–	80	87	127	4	44	275	67	41	41	41
Middlesex	10,719	1,978	1,353	37	1,069	209	174	5	2,827	658	490	31	631	152	299	1,333	1,145	1	106	2,561	323	476	289	278
Nantucket	27	27	8	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	2	14	–	–	–	–	1	13	1	13	2
Norfolk	2,900	792	350	13	287	80	44	4	710	199	121	11	114	29	212	243	382	–	68	643	262	97	211	81
Plymouth	1,448	314	290	63	126	52	49	11	390	183	103	24	106	25	207	416	368	5	93	824	265	106	195	96
Suffolk	23,701	3,879	5,392	103	2,870	791	943	17	6,759	2,136	3,584	91	1,415	972	361	888	4,430	72	357	5,859	249	1,136	164	689
Worcester	5,038	862	582	10	422	101	87	1	1,553	396	250	8	278	101	54	329	855	30	57	1,272	53	140	37	127
Total	55,580	10,514	9,834	730	5,902	1,628	1,631	111	15,099	4,551	5,367	466	3,360	1,468	3,300	4,532	9,559	191	841	15,966	2,457	2,522	1,856	1,645

[1] Six days for all cases.

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Office of the Secretary, January 5, 1932.

To the Honorable Senate and the House of Representatives:

I have the honor to submit, in compliance with General Laws, chapter 9, section 17, the annual report of the transactions of this office for the year ending November 30, 1931, the returns of the sheriffs of the several counties of money received by them, and of their attendance upon a court of record and the county commissioners; a report showing the aggregate vote, both affirmative and negative, on every act or part of an act which shall have been referred by the General Court for acceptance or rejection to the voters of the Commonwealth or any part thereof, or to the city council of any city, during the calendar year 1931; and a record of the work of this Department in respect to public records under chapter 66 of the General Laws.

There is also presented, in compliance with General Laws, chapter 221, section 24, as amended, abstract and tabular statements of the returns of the clerks of the courts for the several counties and the clerks of the Superior Court for civil and for criminal business in Suffolk county; as to civil cases, the number of law, equity and divorce cases pending at the beginning of each year in the Superior Court for their respective counties, the number of cases of each class disposed of in previous years and brought forward this year, the number of law cases transferred to equity, and the number of equity cases transferred to law, the number of jury, without jury, equity, and divorce cases disposed of during the year, the number of each of these four classes of cases pending at end of the year, the number of each of these classes of cases tried during the year (not including number in which issues were tried to a jury), the number of equity cases in which issues were tried to a jury, the number of jury, without jury, equity, and divorce cases awaiting trial at end of the year, the number of each of said classes of cases marked inactive during the year under rule of the court, and the number of each of said classes of cases marked inactive at any time, pending at end of the year, and subject to dismissal under the rule, and the number of days during which court has sat for hearings or trials with jury and without jury; and, as to criminal cases, the number of such cases remaining at the first of each year in the superior court for their respective counties, the number of indictments returned during the year, the number of appealed cases entered during the year, the number of actions on bail bonds or recognizances entered, the number disposed of in previous years which have been brought forward for redisposition, the number of cases disposed of during the year, the number of cases remaining at end of the year, the number of cases tried during the year, the number awaiting trial at end of the year, and the number of days during which the court has sat in their respective counties for trials, hearings, or dispositions.

Receipts and Expenditures

The following table shows, in detail, receipts from fees, etc., all of which were paid into the treasury daily, and quarterly reports thereof made to the Governor and Council, as required by General Laws, chapter 9, section 1:—

Commissions		$17,290 00
Corporation Certificates		405,750 32
Limited Partnerships		322 00
Labels, Trade-marks, etc.		5,850 00
Sale of Books, etc.		15,410 35
Certificates		3,065 00
Military Records		121 60
Copies:		
Corporations	$6,330 50	
Archives	3,991 31	
		10,321 81
Miscellaneous:		
Vital Statistics	$1,734 50	
Advance Sheets	538 00	
		2,272 50
		$460,403 58

The total expenses for salaries and incidentals during the year were $138,742.32. It appears, therefore, that there was turned into the treasury of the Commonwealth $321,661.26 over the office expenses.

Commissions

The number of commissions issued during the year ending November 30, 1931, was 4,109 (an increase of 313 from the preceding year), of which 328 were without fee and 74 became void by reason of the failure of the appointees to take out the commissions or to qualify thereunder. The different classes were as follows:—

Notaries public	2,842
Justices of the peace	570
Special district police officers	24
Trustees, commissioners, etc.	149
Public warehousemen	39
Justices of the peace to solemnize marriages	21
Public administrators	8
Masters in chancery	13
Medical examiners	13
Clerks, municipal and district courts	12
Commissioners in other States	2
Commissioners in Foreign Countries	2
Justices and special justices, municipal and district courts	14
Associate medical examiners	10
Justices of the peace to issue warrants and take bail	9
Trial Justices	4
Commissioners to qualify public officers	6
Board of Police, Fall River, Chairman	1
Finance Commission, City of Boston	1
Justices, Superior Court	2
Sheriff	1
Board of Excise, City of Chelsea	1
Licensing Board, City of Boston	1
Supervisors of Primaries, City of Chelsea	20
Special Judge of Probate and Insolvency	1
Finance Commission, City of Lowell	3
Messengers to the Governor	3
Assistant Messengers to the Governor	2
Secretary to the Governor	1
Assistant Secretary to the Governor	3
Executive Secretary	1
Executive Stenographer	1
Stenographer	1

Certificates to the number of 7,778 were issued, of which 1,648 were for certificates for which no fees are charged.

Corporation Division (Rooms 332 and 333)

The total number of certificates of incorporation issued under General Laws to new corporations for the fiscal year ending November 30, 1931, was 2,645—a decrease of 187 as compared with the fiscal year ending November 30, 1930. They were classified as follows:—

Trading corporations (under General Laws, chapter 156, section 12)	2,413
Religious, charitable, social, educational, musical, athletic, etc., corporations (under General Laws, chapter 180, section 3)	200
Fraternal beneficiary corporations (under General Laws, chapter 176, section 9)	6
Churches (under General Laws, chapter 67, section 51)	12
Credit unions (under General Laws, chapter 171, section 3)	12
Insurance company (under General Laws, chapter 175, section 49)	1
Telephone company (under General Laws, chapter 158, section 9)	1

The number of miscellaneous certificates filed and recorded was 21,375—a decrease of 172 as compared with the fiscal year ending November 30, 1930. Of these, 17,071 were certificates of condition of Massachusetts corporations (under General Laws, chapter 158, section 37 and chapter 156, section 47); 2,413 were articles of organization of trading corporations (under General Laws, chapter 156, section 12); 200 were certificates of religious, charitable, social and other organizations (under General Laws, chapter 180); 549 were certificates of issue of capital stock of trading corporations (under General Laws, chapter 156, sections 16 and 17), and the others were distributed among 20 different classes.

The number of miscellaneous certificates filed was 2,262, of which 2,166 were certificates of condition of foreign corporations (under General Laws, chapter 181, section 12), and the others were divided among 12 other classes.

There were issued 31 certificates of change of name of corporations (under General Laws, chapter 155, section 10, and chapter 180, section 11).

Returns were received of the dissolution of 32 corporations by the Supreme Judicial and Superior Courts.

Under the act relating to the incorporation of clubs, charters were refused in 13 cases, 7 charters declared void, and 10 applications for incorporation withdrawn.

Limited partnership certificates to the number of 34 were filed and recorded.

In the Corporation Division, 2,902 certified copies of the records and certificates were supplied—a decrease of 700 as compared with the fiscal year ending November 30, 1930.

Labels, Trade-Marks, etc. (Room 333)

By General Laws, chapter 110, section 8, which relates to the adoption and registration of labels, trade-marks, stamps and forms of advertisement, the duty is placed upon the Secretary of the Commonwealth of receiving, filing and recording such labels, etc., and of issuing and recording certificates of record. Under this law, labels, trade-marks, stamps and forms of advertisement were received, and certificates of record issued and recorded in 220 cases.

Under General Laws, chapter 110, section 8, which provides for the assignment of labels, trade-marks, stamps and forms of advertisement, 14 assignments were received, and certificates of registration issued and recorded.

Insignia of Societies and Labor Unions (Room 333)

General Laws, chapter 110, section 9, provides for the registration in this office of the insignia, ribbons, badges, rosettes, buttons and emblems of societies, associations and labor unions. Two registrations were received which have been included with the number of labels above given, under General Laws, chapter 110, section 8.

Marks and Devices on Cans, etc. (Room 333)

By General Laws, chapter 110, section 17, which provides for the protection of owners of cans, bottles, boxes, siphons and fountains used in the sale of soda water, mineral and aerated waters, ale, beer, ginger ale or similar beverages, it is made the duty of the Secretary of the Commonwealth to receive and file descriptions of marks, devices, etc., and under this law one such description was received and filed. Under General Laws, chapter 110, section 21, as amended by chapter 37, Acts of 1924, which provides for the protection of dealers and consumers against the unlawful use and destruction of milk and ice cream cans, jugs, bottles, jars, tubs or cabinets, ten descriptions of marks, devices, etc., were received and filed.

Vital Statistics Division (Room 334)

Under the provisions of General Laws, chapter 46, section 17, returns of births and marriages from 355 cities and towns and births from the State Infirmary at Tewksbury, for the year 1930, which were received in 1931, cover 73,690 births and 27,431 marriages, a decrease of 432 births and a decrease of 3,137 marriages, as compared with the returns of 1929.

Under the provisions of the same law 49,503 certified copies of records of deaths were received, covering the period from January 1, 1930, to December 31, 1930, a decrease of 2,668 as compared with the returns of 1929.

Medical examiners' returns for 1930 cover 7,982, a decrease of 115 as compared with the returns for 1929.

Returns by clerks of courts and registers of probate of the decrees of divorce for 1930 number 4,560, a decrease of 468 as compared with the returns for 1929.

These figures are fully compiled and analyzed in the annual registration report for 1930 (Public Document No. 1), and were available August 2, 1931.

During the year 3,360 certificates of birth, 1,522 certificates of marriage and 1,140 certificates of death were issued, a total of 6,022. There were 18,061 requests for records. Fees received from these certificates amounted to $1,734.50.

6,468 abstracts of birth records for school, employment and enlistment purposes were issued without charge.

There were 5,491 delayed records of birth and corrections of birth records received; 189 corrections of marriage and 110 corrections of death records were also received.

Naturalization Returns

Under the provisions of General Laws, chapter 220, section 19, returns were received of the naturalization of 2,836 persons before the superior courts of the Commonwealth during the year 1930, a decrease of 1,100 as compared with the returns of 1929. These returns were indexed and bound in convenient form for reference, as required by law.

Changes of Names of Persons

The returns of 1,344 names, changed in 1930 as decreed by the several probate courts, were received and filed in compliance with the requirements of General Laws, chapter 210, section 12.

Archives Division (Room 438)

There have been made during the fiscal year 110 military certificates, 40 typewritten copies, and 17,450 photostatic copies of legislative records and files, maps, corporation records, finger prints, etc.

Prominent among these was the filling of an order from the Library of Congress for a full set of the 1794 series of hand-drawn maps of the several towns of Massachusetts, including those of the District of Maine.

The following fees were received: military certificates, $121.60; typewritten copies, $41.60; photostatic copies, $3,949.71; totaling $4,112.91.

Three hundred and fifty copies each of Lowell marriages and deaths to 1850 and of Shelburne Vital Records to 1850, both compiled by Essex Institute, and of Brimfield Vital Records to 1850 and of Dartmouth deaths to 1850, both compiled by the New England Historic Genealogical Society, have been purchased and have been distributed to libraries by the Document Division (Chap. 562, Acts of 1920, and Chap. 199, Acts of 1922).

From the Massachusetts Historical Society has been received Vol. XII of the reprint of the Journals of the House of Representatives of Massachusetts (1734–35).

Attention is once more called to the need for further safeguarding the State Archives, the greatest collection (from a legal and historical standpoint) in America. The archives should be housed in a building or part of a building especially constructed for the purpose and which should be absolutely fireproof. It should be borne in mind that this is a collection of material of enormous value which could never be replaced.

Public Document Division (Room 118)

During the year 1931 the following publications were received for distribution through the Public Document Division: 65,002 volumes of the Public Document Series, representing 77 reports of the several state departments, boards and commissions; 9,500 copies of the 1931 pamphlet edition of the session laws; 9,000 copies of the 1931 bound edition of the session laws, commonly called the Blue Book; 600 copies each of the Senate and House Journals, 1931, total 1,200 copies (from the Sergeant-at-Arms); 454 copies each of the Massachusetts Reports, Nos. 267, 268, 269, 270, 271 and 272, total 2,724 copies; 526 copies of the Annual Proceedings of the Sixty-fifth Annual Encampment, Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Massachusetts, 1931; 600 copies of the Proceedings of the Thirty-first Annual Encampment, United Spanish War Veterans, Department of Massachusetts, 1930; 1,935 copies of the Annual Proceedings, The American Legion, Department of Massachusetts, 1930; 800 copies of the Annual Proceedings, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Massachusetts, 1930; 350 copies each of the Early Vital Records of Brimfield, Dartmouth (Deaths, Vol. 3), Lowell (Marriages, Vol. 3), Lowell (Deaths, Vol. 4), and Shelburne, total 1,750 copies; 300 copies of the Journals of the House of Representatives, Vol. 12, 1734–35; 33 copies of the 1930 report of the Finance Commission for the City of Boston, which copies were received from the above commission; 100 copies of the 1930 report of the Finance Commission for the City of Lowell, which copies were received from the above commission; 10,000 copies of the Manual of Fire Department Equipment and Practice; 314 copies of the 1930 Returns of Gas, Electric and Water Companies and Municipal Lighting Plants; 535 copies of the Statutes Relating to Co-operative Banks, 1931; 3,065 copies of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; 1,399 copies of the General Laws Relating to Taxation and Special Assessments, 1931; 15,000 copies of the Laws Relating to Veterans and their Organizations, 1931; 10,080 copies of the Laws Relating to Insurance and Insurance Companies, 1930; 1,058 copies of the opinions of the Attorneys-General, Vol. 8, 1926–29; 3,055 copies of the Population of Massachusetts, 1930; 269 copies of edition of the Executive Council report on the return of votes for State Officers, 1930; 922 copies of the Addresses and Messages to the General Court, Proclamations, Official Addresses, Correspondence and Statements of His Excellency Governor Alvan T. Fuller, 1925, 1926, 1927 and 1928; 50 copies of the report of the Boston Port Authority, 1930, which copies were received from the above commission; 10,519 copies of the Manual for the General Court, 1931–32;

494 copies of the report of the Tercentenary Commission on Governmental Activities, 1930; 2,000 copies of the Massachusetts Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines in the Civil War, Vol. 1; 2,000 copies of the Massachusetts Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines in the Civil War, Vol. 2; 1,984 copies of the World War History (Report of the Commission on Massachusetts' Part in the World War); making a grand total of 156,214 volumes that have passed through this division during the year.

Division of Public Records (Room 252)

Inspections

Under the provisions of General Laws, chapter 66, section 1, there have been made by the Supervisor of Records during the year 1931 inspections of the care, custody, condition and protection against fires of the public records of the departments and offices of the counties, cities and towns as follows:

Acton, Acushnet, Adams, Agawam, Amesbury, Amherst, Andover, Ashburnham, Ashby, Ashfield, Ashland, Athol, Auburn, Barnstable, Becket, Bedford, Berkley, Billerica, Bourne, Boxborough, Boylston, Brewster, Brimfield, Brockton, Brookfield, Carlisle, Carver, Charlton, Chatham, Chelmsford, Cheshire, Chicopee, Chilmark, Clarksburg, Clinton, Colrain, Concord, Conway, Dalton, Dartmouth, Dedham, Dennis, Dighton, Douglas, Dover, Dudley, Dunstable, East Brookfield, East Longmeadow, Eastham, Easthampton, Edgartown, Essex, Fairhaven, Fall River, Falmouth, Florida, Framingham, Freetown, Gardner, Gay Head, Georgetown, Gill, Gloucester, Greenfield, Groton, Groveland, Hamilton, Hampden, Hancock, Harvard, Harwich, Hatfield, Haverhill, Hawley, Heath, Hinsdale, Holyoke, Hudson, Ipswich, Lakeville, Lanesborough, Lawrence, Lee, Leicester, Leverett, Lincoln, Longmeadow, Ludlow, Manchester, Marion, Marlborough, Mashpee, Mattapoisett, Maynard, Medfield, Merrimac, Methuen, Middleborough, Millbury, Millis, Monroe, Montague, Nantucket, Natick, New Ashford, New Bedford, New Braintree, Newbury, Newburyport, North Adams, North Andover, North Brookfield, North Reading, Northampton, Northfield, Oak Bluffs, Oakham, Orleans, Otis, Oxford, Paxton, Pepperell, Peru, Phillipston, Pittsfield, Provincetown, Raynham, Reading, Rehoboth, Richmond, Rochester, Rockport, Rowe, Rowley, Rutland, Salisbury, Sandisfield, Sandwich, Saugus, Savoy, Seekonk, Sherborn, Shrewsbury, Shutesbury, Somerset, Southampton, Southborough, Southwick, Spencer, Sterling, Stockbridge, Stow, Sudbury, Sunderland, Sutton, Swansea, Taunton, Templeton, Tewksbury, Tisbury, Tolland, Topsfield, Townsend, Truro, Tyngsborough, Wales, Wareham, Warren, Washington, Wayland, Webster, Wellesley, Wellfleet, Wenham, West Boylston, West Brookfield, West Newbury, West Springfield, West Tisbury, Westborough, Westfield, Westford, Westport, Whately, Wilbraham, Williamstown, Winchendon, Windsor, Woburn, Yarmouth.

During the year 33 vaults and 15 safes have been approved by this office.

Fires

On the afternoon of November 17, 1931, fire broke out in the State experimental station on Island Street, Lawrence, Massachusetts. No records were lost.

City Halls

The City of Newton has begun the construction of a new City Hall and War Memorial.

Also Newton has constructed a new Police Headquarters Building.

The Woburn City Hall is completed and occupied. The City of Gloucester has made improvements by the construction of a new vault.

Town Halls

The Town of Hampden has begun the construction of a community building, this building will also house the Library, Police Department and Town Offices.

The new Town Hall at Sudbury will be completed and occupied early in January, 1932.

The new Administration Building at Watertown is nearing completion and will soon be ready for occupancy. Alterations have been made during the year on the following Town Halls: Scituate rearrangement of the offices, Pembroke, Shutesbury and Walpole by the construction of new vaults.

Court Houses

Franklin County is constructing a new Court House at Greenfield that will house the Superior Court and Probate Court, Registries of Deeds and Probate, also the District Court.

District Courts

Middlesex County has completed its new District Court House at Newton, and is constructing a new District Court House at Cambridge.

Repairing and Binding

Records have been repaired and rebound during the year for the cities of Attleboro, Holyoke, and Taunton, towns of Amherst, Deerfield, Rockport, and Westborough; Registries of Deeds and Probate at Barnstable, Plymouth, Springfield and Taunton; plans mounted and bound for Registries of Deeds and Clerks of Courts at Barnstable, Greenfield, Lowell, Northampton and Plymouth.

Typewriter Ribbons and Stamping Pads

A number of typewriter ribbons are now being tested and if approved will be published in our next list.

Legislative Counsel and Agents' Expenses

(1931)

In compliance with General Laws, chapter 3, sections 39 to 50 inclusive, relative to legislative counsel and agents' expenses incurred or paid in connection with promoting or opposing legislation during the last session of the General Court, there were 244 entries made in the dockets, an increase of three as compared with 1930.

Returns covering 244 entries were received in this office from persons, associations or corporations employing legislative counsel or agents. Twenty-seven returns appeared not to conform to law, twenty-three of which were later corrected. It therefore was necessary to report the remaining four returns to the Attorney General as required by law, together with one return made by an employer of legislative counsel or agents, whose name was not registered in the legislative docket.

The total amount reported as paid to legislative counsel and agents was $112,011.39; in addition to this $18,199.71 represented annual salaries or retainers apportioned and $59,306.00 unapportioned. Twenty-one employers stated that they paid nothing.

For the special session called for September 28, 1931, there were three entries made in the dockets.

The total amount reported as paid to legislative counsel and agents was $325.00. One employer stated that he paid nothing.

Proclamations

The proclamations of His Excellency the Governor for the observance of Lincoln Day, Arbor and Bird Day, Flag Day and Thanksgiving Day were printed and distributed under the direction of this office.

Of the Lincoln Day proclamations 11,000 copies were distributed to churches, schools, institutions, patriotic societies, postmasters and city and town clerks. Of the Arbor and Bird Day proclamations 10,200 copies were mailed to churches, schools, granges, agricultural societies, institutions, post-

masters and city and town clerks. Flag Day proclamations to the number of 11,000 were mailed to churches, schools, postmasters, patriotic societies, institutions and city and town clerks, and 10,000 Thanksgiving proclamations were sent to churches, schools, postmasters and city and town clerks.

In addition to the above, proclamations were printed and distributed as follows: For the observance of Spanish War Memorial Day and Maine Memorial Day, February 15, 1931, 11,000 copies were printed and mailed to churches, schools, institutions, patriotic societies, postmasters and city and town clerks. On the decease of Major-General Clarence R. Edwards, February 14, 1931, copies of the Governor's proclamation were given to the press. Fire Prevention Week was designated to include the week of October 4, 1931, and 6,650 copies of the Governor's proclamation were distributed to the fire chiefs of the Commonwealth for churches, schools and post offices.

A proclamation was also issued for calling together the members of the General Court on September 28, 1931, to consider compulsory automobile liability insurance, 1,100 copies of which were mailed to members of the General Court, justices of the Supreme Judicial and Superior Courts, Registrar of Motor Vehicles and city and town clerks.

For the observance of Armistice Day, November 11, 1931, 11,000 proclamations were printed and distributed to schools, churches, institutions, patriotic societies, postmasters and city and town clerks.

In observance of Humane Sunday, April 19, 1931, and "Be Kind to Animals Week," April 20 to 25, 1931, a proclamation was issued by His Excellency the Governor to the press.

Pardons, Commutations, Respites, Requisitions, etc.

The number of pardons, unconditional, made out and issued during the year was 6; pardons, under parole conditions, 21; commutations, 4; respites, 2; requisitions upon other States, 225; upon the Secretary of the Navy of the United States, 3; upon the Secretary of State of the United States for extradition requests upon foreign countries, 1; upon the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, 4; and warrants issued upon requisitions from other States, 48.

Initiative Petitions

Six initiative petitions, accompanied by bills, and each with the requisite certificate of the Attorney General attached, were filed with the Secretary of the Commonwealth during the year, under the provisions of Article XLVIII of the Amendments to the Constitution, as follows: —

For an Act Relative to State and Party Primaries and Conventions of Political Parties.

(Filed September 3, 1931; on November 25, 1931, 31,298 subsequent signatures of qualified voters had been filed.)

Description of Proposed Law

The proposed law provides for an additional method of nominating candidates for nomination, at the state primaries in September, by members of political parties, for those offices to be filled by all the voters of the Commonwealth at a state election.

It provides that the state conventions of the political parties, in each state election year, shall be held before and not after the state primaries, as now, namely, not later than June 15. In order to elect delegates to such party conventions, party primaries are established to be held on the last Tuesday in April. Among other things, these state conventions may endorse candidates for offices to be filled by all the voters and to be voted upon at the state primaries. Such endorsement places a candidate in nomination, at such state primaries, without the necessity of filing nomination papers. The name of the endorsed candidate is to be placed first on the ballot and

against his name is to be placed the words "Endorsed by (the name of political party) convention" in addition to the eight-word statement now authorized by law. Candidates endorsed by a party convention may accept said endorsement within ten days, and having so accepted may not withdraw.

It also provides for the election of district members of state committees and members of ward and town committees at the proposed party primaries in April, as well as delegates to the state party conventions, instead of at the state primaries in September, as now.

It also provides for the election of delegates to national conventions (to nominate candidates for President) at the proposed party primaries instead of at the primaries, now specially held for that purpose, and which existing law requires to be held on the last Tuesday in April (the same day proposed for the proposed party primaries).

It also provides for certain other new provisions of law and certain changes in existing laws, relating to holding state conventions and party primaries, the number and election of delegates to state conventions, the number of members at large of a state committee, and other matters, which in more detail chiefly are as follows:

State conventions are to be composed solely of delegates elected at the party primaries, and the number is to be one from each ward and town and one additional for every fifteen hundred votes or major fraction thereof above the first fifteen hundred votes cast at the preceding state election in such ward or town for the political party candidate for Governor, instead of a number now fixed by the state committee of each party (not less than one from each ward or town) and certain members designated by existing law.

The time, for notice to the State Secretary by aldermen or selectmen of their determination to hold primaries by wards, precincts or groups of precincts, to be March 1, instead of August 1, as now.

The names of candidates for election for delegates to a state convention and for district members of a state committee to be arranged individually by alphabet instead of in groups arranged by lot, as now.

Vacancies in the office of delegate to a state or national convention not to be filled except in case of a tie vote, and then by delegates from the same district, within ten days, and if no other delegate or if not so filled, then by a state committee, rather than solely by the remaining members of the delegation; and statement of filling of such vacancy to be filed with the State Secretary.

Seating of delegates at state conventions to be in groups by senatorial districts, and order of business at said conventions defined.

Voting on candidates, by a convention, to be by roll call, if more than one candidate for the office, or by groups of delegates unless any member of such group objects.

The number of members at large of a state committee of a political party to be fixed by the state convention of a party instead of by the state committee, as now.

The existing provisions as to preparation and filing of nomination papers, objections to nominations, preparation, number, substance, arrangement and form of ballots, hours during which polls shall be open, opening of ballot boxes, canvass and return of votes, return and certification of votes, now applicable to state primaries to be applicable to the proposed party primaries.

The power of a state committee to fix the number of district delegates to a national convention to be continued, but the date, of giving notice to the State Secretary, of such fixation to be March 1 instead of on or before the third Wednesday in March, as now.

The power of city and town committees to fix the number of members of ward and town committees to be continued, but the date, of giving notice to the State Secretary, of such fixation to be March 1 instead of August 1, as now.

For an Act establishing a Board of Examination and Registration to regulate the Practice of Chiropractic.

(Filed October 23, 1931; on December 2, 1931, 39,575 subsequent signatures of qualified voters had been filed.)

Description of Proposed Law

The proposed law defines and legalizes the practice of chiropractic; establishes a board of registration of chiropractors and defines the number, mode of appointment, tenure, qualification and compensation of its members, and its powers and duties; provides for the preliminary qualifications, examination, certification, original registration and annual license of chiropractors and regulation of their practice, and defines the mode, subjects of and fees for examination, the mode of practice and penalties; and other matters related thereto, which are chiefly as follows:

That chiropractic be "the science or practice of locating and adjusting by hand the malpositions of the articulations of the human spine."

That any person, with one preceding year's residence in this Commonwealth and with degree from a qualified chiropractic school received at least one year prior to the date when this law takes effect, may, within ninety days after such date, be certified by the board at its discretion without examination.

That otherwise no person, except a member of the board of registration, shall practice chiropractic unless, being over twenty-one years of age, of good moral character and graduated from a reputable chiropractic school after personally attending courses of at least twenty-two hundred sixty-minute daylight hours given to persons qualified to graduate from a public high school, he shall qualify by examination, pay a fee of twenty-five dollars and be registered and certified; except that any person licensed in another State maintaining standards equal to those of this Commonwealth may be registered without examination.

That the examination be scientific and practical in character, in subjects including anatomy, physiology, symptomatology, hygiene, sanitation, chemistry, histology, pathology, chiropractic analysis, and the principles and practice of chiropractic.

That the board may, after hearing, revoke a certificate for cause.

That the board shall make an annual report and shall keep public records of its proceedings and of the names of persons examined or registered by it and of the names and addresses of all registered chiropractors, who shall pay an annual license fee, promptly notify the board of any change in address and furnish such other information as the board may require.

That the board consist of three members, residents of the Commonwealth for three years, graduates of a chartered chiropractic school having power to confer degrees in chiropractic, to be appointed by the governor, with the advice and consent of the council, for a term of three years.

That the board have authority to administer oaths, summon witnesses and take testimony and adopt reasonable rules and regulations pertaining to their duties, and that they pay into the state treasury fees received by them, and that they receive compensation and reimbursement for expenses in such amounts as may be annually appropriated therefor not exceeding the amount of such fees.

Penalties are provided for practicing chiropractic without holding a certificate or for using the words "Chiropractic Practitioner," the letters "D.C.," or any title or letters indicating engagement in such practice, or for buying, selling or fraudulently obtaining any diploma or record of registration.

It is further provided that the present law relating to the registration of physicians and surgeons and providing penalties for the unauthorized practice of medicine shall not be held to discriminate against registered chiropractors; but no chiropractor, unless registered as a physician or surgeon, may practice obstetrics, or administer drugs, or perform surgical

operations by the use of instruments, or hold himself out as and for other than a chiropractor.

The two foregoing petitions were transmitted to the General Court January 6, 1932.

For an Act to Provide Party Primaries preceding Mayoralty Elections in the Cities of the Commonwealth.

(Filed October 16, 1931; no subsequent signatures of qualified voters filed.)

For an Act providing that Classifications of Risks and Premium Charges under the Compulsory Motor Vehicle Liability Insurance Law shall be Uniform throughout the Commonwealth.

(Three petitions filed; (2) November 14, 1931, (1) November 17, 1931; insufficient number of signatures of qualified voters filed.)

Rules and Regulations of State Departments

By chapter 30, section 37, General Laws, certain rules and regulations of departments, commissions, boards or officials vested by law with the power to make and issue rules and regulations general in scope, and to be observed or performed under penalty for the violation thereof, shall not take effect until attested copies thereof have been filed with the Secretary of the Commonwealth. Under this law rules and regulations were filed by the following departments during the year 1931: Department of Agriculture, Department of Civil Service and Registration, Department of Conservation, Department of Labor and Industries, Department of Public Health, Department of Public Safety, Department of Public Utilities, Department of Public Works, Board of Tax Appeals and Metropolitan District Commission.

Miscellaneous

The two reports from this office which form a part of the Public Document series, namely, Returns of Births, Marriages, Divorces, and Deaths (Public Document No. 1) and Returns of Assessed Polls, Registered Voters and Persons who voted, etc. (Public Document No. 43) have been made, as required by law.

Frederic W. Cook,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Returns from Cities and Towns relative to Action taken under Certain Provisions of the General Laws

When Received	City or Town	Subject and Reference	Action	Date of Action
1931				
Jan. 3	Boston	Licensing of open-air parking spaces, 1930, 399 (G. L. 148, s. 56)	Accepted	Dec. 30, 1930
Jan. 6	Leominster	Licensed boxing matches, G. L. 147, ss. 32–47	Accepted	Dec. 2, 1930
Jan. 7	Quincy	Uniforms for members of police and fire departments, 1930, 351 (G. L. 40, s. 6B)	Accepted	Dec. 1, 1930
Jan. 29	Nahant	Civil service for police, G. L. 31, s. 48	Accepted	Jan. 22, 1931
Jan. 30	Somerville	Annuities to families of policemen and firemen, 1929, 308 (G. L. 32, s. 89)	Accepted	Jan. 22, 1931
Feb. 5	Winchendon	Vacations for policemen and firemen in towns, 1929, 206 (G. L. 41, s. 111A)	Accepted	Oct. 30, 1930
Mar. 11	Sharon	Board of survey, G. L. 41, s. 73	Accepted	Mar. 9, 1931
Mar. 13	Marblehead	Civil service for call firemen, G. L. 31, s. 48	Accepted	Mar. 4, 1931
Mar. 20	Rockport	Licenses for slaughter houses, 1924, 496, s. 2 (G. L. 94, s. 120A)	Accepted	Mar. 3, 1931
Mar. 24	Springfield	Retirement on pension of Spanish and World War veterans, G. L. 32, ss. 56–59	Accepted	Jan. 26, 1931
Mar. 26	Framingham	Pensions for policemen and firemen, G. L. 32, s. 85	Accepted	Mar. 19, 1931
Apr. 24	Sudbury	Establishment of fire department, G. L. 48, ss. 42 and 43	Accepted	Mar. 2, 1931
May 1	Revere	Licensing of open-air parking spaces, 1930, 399 (G. L. 148, s. 56)	Accepted	Apr. 29, 1931
May 8	Webster	Collection of water rates, 1923, 391	Accepted	Mar. 23, 1931
May 9	Great Barrington	Inspection of buildings, G. L. 143, s. 3	Accepted	Mar. 23, 1931
May 22	Revere	Pensions to foremen, inspectors, etc., 1923, 458 (G. L. 32, s. 77, par. (b))	Accepted	May 20, 1931
May 26	Great Barrington	Uniforms for members of police department, 1930, 351 (G. L. 40, s. 6B)	Accepted	Mar. 23, 1931
July 29	Dennis	Election of town officers, G. L. 39, s. 23	Accepted	July 23, 1931
July 31	Norwood	Pensions for janitors, G. L. 32, s. 44	Accepted	July 27, 1931
Aug. 10	Westwood	Police department established, G. L. 41, s. 97	Accepted	Aug. 17, 1931
Oct. 16	Quincy	Reserve forces in fire departments of cities, 1928, 218 (G. L. 48, ss. 59B, 59C and 59D)	Accepted	Oct. 14, 1931
Nov. 6	Auburn	Police department established, G. L. 41, s. 97	Accepted	Nov. 2, 1931
Nov. 17	Dennis	Inspection of buildings, G. L. 143, s. 3	Accepted	Mar. 21, 1921

Returns relative to the Acceptance or Rejection of Certain Special Acts passed by the General Court and Referred to the Voters, to the City Council of a City, to the Selectmen of a Town, or the County Commissioners of a County

When Received	From Whom Received	Title of Act	Date of Action	Vote	
				Yes	No
1930					
Dec. 1	City Clerk, Revere	An Act relative to the salaries of the members of the city council of the city of Revere (1930, 350)	Nov. 4, 1930	4,223	1,871
Dec. 11	City Clerk, Pittsfield	An Act changing the date of the biennial municipal election in the city of Pittsfield (1930, 173)	Sept. 3, 1930	–[1]	–
Dec. 12	City Clerk, Taunton	An Act relative to the nomination of candidates at preliminary elections or caucuses in the city of Taunton (1930, 187)	Dec. 2, 1930	2,779	1,121
Dec. 15	City Clerk, Lowell	An Act authorizing the city of Lowell to compensate Cornelius P. Lynch for injuries sustained while in the performance of his duty as an employee of the police department of the city of Lowell (1930, 366)	Dec. 12, 1930	–[1]	–
Dec. 22	City Clerk, Melrose	An Act authorizing the payment of salaries to members of the board of aldermen of the city of Melrose (1930, 130)	Dec. 9, 1930	1,582	5,918
Dec. 27	Town Clerk, Ludlow	An Act providing for precinct voting, representative town meetings, town meeting members, a referendum and an annual moderator in the town of Ludlow (1929, 336)	Mar. 3, 1930	–[2]	–
Dec. 31	Town Clerk, Fairhaven	An Act establishing in the town of Fairhaven representative town government by limited town meetings (1930, 285)	Nov. 4, 1930	1,434	572
1931					
Jan. 5	City Clerk, Lynn	An Act authorizing the city of Lynn to construct and maintain surface water drainage works outside the established harbor line in Lynn Harbor (1930, 59)	Mar. 18, 1930	–[1]	–
Jan. 6	City Clerk, Attleboro	An Act authorizing the payment of salaries to members of the municipal council of the city of Attleboro (1930, 137)	Dec. 2, 1930	2,644	2,409
Jan. 6	Town Clerk, Needham	An Act relative to the use for an athletic field of a part of Memorial Park in the town of Needham (1930, 37)	Mar. 17, 1930	–[3]	–
Jan. 7	Secretary, Massachusetts Society of the Cincinnati	An Act relative to annual meetings of the Massachusetts Society of the Cincinnati (1930, 7)	July 4, 1930	–[4]	–
Jan. 7	City Clerk, Salem	An Act authorizing the city of Salem to acquire certain flats and lands in or adjacent to Collins Cove in said city (1930, 198)	Apr. 26, 1930	–[1]	–
Jan. 7	City Clerk, Lynn	An Act authorizing the temporary reinstatement of Charles E. Berry as a member of the police department of the city of Lynn (1930, 81)	Mar. 18, 1930	–[1]	–
Jan. 7	City Clerk, Lynn	An Act authorizing the city of Lynn to pay a certain claim for bleachers furnished for its stadium (1930, 156)	Apr. 22, 1930	–[1]	–
Jan. 7	City Clerk, Lynn	An Act authorizing the establishment of a public golf course in Lynn woods reservation (1930, 125)	Apr. 1, 1930	–[5]	–
Jan. 8	Clerk, Dukes County Commissioners	An Act increasing the amount that may be borrowed by the county of Dukes County for the purpose of contributing to the cost of the construction of a highway in the towns of West Tisbury and Chilmark (1930, 122)	Nov. 12, 1930	–[6]	–
Jan. 14	Town Clerk, Southborough	An Act to provide a water supply for the town of Southborough or a certain part thereof (1930, 133)	Apr. 18, 1930	392	175

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When Received	From Whom Received	Title of Act	Date of Action	Vote	
				Yes	No
1931					
Jan. 22	City Clerk, Lawrence	An Act authorizing the annexation by the city of Lawrence of a part of the town of Methuen (1930, 261)	June 2, 1930	–[1]	–
Jan. 22	Town Clerk, Methuen	An Act authorizing the annexation by the city of Lawrence of a part of the town of Methuen (1930, 261)	May 12, 1930	–[2]	–
Jan. 23	Town Clerk, Weymouth	An Act relative to payment by the town of Weymouth of compensation to the dependents of John Quincy Hunt, late chief of its fire department (1930, 352)	Aug. 11, 1930	–[3]	–
Jan. 23	Town Clerk, Manchester	An Act authorizing the establishment of a reserve police force in the town of Manchester (1930, 11)	Feb. 10, 1930	–[3]	–
Jan. 23	City Clerk, Attleboro	An Act relative to the A. B. C. Street Railway, so-called, in the city of Attleboro (1930, 207)	May 27, 1930	–[1]	–
Jan. 26	Town Clerk, Marshfield	An Act providing for dredging and filling certain shore areas in the town of Marshfield for the purpose of improving Green Harbor and providing land for an aviation field (1930, 199)	Sept. 5, 1930	159	4
Jan. 27	City Clerk, Medford	An Act establishing a board of license commissioners in the city of Medford (1930, 278)	Dec. 9, 1930	6,113	6,617
Feb. 6	Town Clerk, Millis	An Act authorizing the town of Millis to sell and convey certain park land (1930, 14)	Feb. 10, 1930	145	0
Feb. 6	City Clerk, Taunton	An Act authorizing the city of Taunton to borrow money for the payment of its share of the cost of improving a certain part of the Taunton River (1931, 3)	Feb. 5, 1931	–[1]	–
Feb. 7	Town Clerk, Braintree	An Act authorizing the town of Braintree to construct and operate a system of sewers (1930, 17)	Mar. 24, 1930	–[2]	–
Feb. 13	Town Clerk, Shrewsbury	An Act to permit certain sports and games on the Lord's Day (1928, 406)	Feb. 9, 1931	–[2]	–
Feb. 16	City Clerk, North Adams	An Act authorizing the city of North Adams to pay a certain claim legally unenforceable by reason of failure to comply with certain provisions of its charter (1931, 10)	Feb. 14, 1931	–[1]	–
Feb. 18	Clerk, Bristol County Commissioners	An Act authorizing the county of Bristol to borrow money for the purpose of constructing, equipping and furnishing a building at the Bristol county tuberculosis hospital (1931, 18)	Feb. 17, 1931	–[7]	–
Feb. 20	City Clerk, Revere	An Act providing for the establishment of reserve forces in the fire departments of cities (1928, 218)	Feb. 14, 1931	–[1]	–
Feb. 26	Clerk, First Congregational Society, Webster	An Act providing for the merging of the First Congregational Church and the First Congregational Society in the town of Webster into the First Congregational Church, of Webster, Mass. (1931, 20)	Feb. 25, 1931	–[8]	–
Feb. 26	Clerk, First Congregational Church, Webster	An Act providing for the merging of the First Congregational Church and the First Congregational Society in the town of Webster into the First Congregational Church, of Webster, Mass. (1931, 20)	Feb. 25, 1931	–[9]	–
Feb. 26	Clerk, First Congregational Church, of Webster, Mass., Webster	An Act providing for the merging of the First Congregational Church and the First Congregational Society in the town of Webster into the First Congregational Church, of Webster, Mass. (1931, 20)	Feb. 25, 1931	–[10]	–
Mar. 5	Town Clerk, Amesbury	An Act to permit the planning board of the town of Amesbury to act as the board of survey in said town (1931, 33)	Mar. 3, 1931	204	4
Mar. 5	Clerk, Hampden County Commissioners	An Act relative to the lease of a court room and offices for the use of the trial justice's court in the town of Ludlow (1931, 22)	Mar. 4, 1931	–[11]	–

Mar. 5	Clerk, Hampden County Commissioners	An Act to provide for the construction, original equipment and furnishing of a nurses' home at the Hampshire County Sanatorium at Leeds in the city of Northampton (1931, 38)	Mar. 4, 1931	–[11]	–
Mar. 5	Town Clerk, Natick	An Act placing the office of chief of police of the town of Natick under the civil service laws (1931, 8)	Mar. 2, 1931	2,604	1,863
Mar. 5	Clerk, Hampshire County Commissioners	An Act to provide for the construction, original equipment and furnishing of a nurses' home at the Hampshire County Sanatorium at Leeds in the city of Northampton (1931, 38)	Mar. 3, 1931	–[12]	–
Mar. 12	Assistant Clerk, Middlesex County Commissioners	An Act authorizing the borrowing of additional money for the construction of the new house of correction for Middlesex County (1931, 59)	Mar. 10, 1931	–[13]	–
Mar. 12	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the city of Boston to transfer to its park department for public park purposes certain land on Parker Hill in said city now held for hospital purposes (1931, 40)	Mar. 10, 1931	–[1]	–
Mar. 13	Town Clerk, Marblehead	An Act authorizing the reinstatement of Benjamin F. Doliber, 2nd, as a member of the police department of the town of Marblehead (1930, 378)	Mar. 9, 1931	2,137	765
Mar. 13	Town Clerk, Marblehead	An Act authorizing the town of Marblehead to use certain park land as a site for a fire station (1931, 25)	Mar. 3, 1931	–	–[14]
Mar. 16	Assistant Clerk, Middlesex County Commissioners	An Act to provide additional funds for the purpose of providing a hospital for the Middlesex County Tuberculosis Hospital District (1931, 73)	Mar. 13, 1931	–[13]	–
Mar. 17	Town Clerk, Stoneham	An Act authorizing the town of Stoneham to pay a certain sum of money to the mother of June Marie Greeley (1930, 25)	Mar. 9, 1931	–[2]	–
Mar. 20	City Clerk, Worcester	An Act to permit certain sports and games on the Lord's Day (1928, 406)	Mar. 17, 1931	–[1]	–
Mar. 25	City Clerk, Boston	An Act relative to second assistant assessors in the assessing department of the city of Boston (1931, 114)	Mar. 24, 1931	–[1]	–
Apr. 2	City Clerk, Boston	An Act relative to the time when the polls shall be open in the city of Boston for elections (1931, 107)	Mar. 31, 1931	–[1]	–
Apr. 3	City Clerk, Lynn	An Act establishing a board of election commissioners in the city of Lynn (1931, 92)	Mar. 31, 1931	–[1]	–
Apr. 16	Town Clerk, Manchester	An Act to authorize the town of Manchester to maintain a tide gate and to fill the flats and tidal area in said town northeast of Beach Street (1931, 128)	Apr. 13, 1931	–[3]	–
Apr. 16	City Clerk, Lynn	An Act providing for the improvement of Lynn Harbor for navigation and commerce (1931, 151)	Apr. 14, 1931	–[1]	–
Apr. 29	Assistant Clerk, Middlesex County Commissioners	An Act authorizing the county of Middlesex to provide necessary accommodations for the third district court of Eastern Middlesex (1931, 84)	Apr. 28, 1931	–[13]	–
May 5	Town Clerk, Natick	An Act providing for vacations for members of the regular or permanent police and fire forces in towns (1929, 206)	Mar. 10, 1931	–[2]	–
May 7	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the transfer of certain land in the Dorchester district of the city of Boston from the school department to the park department of said city (1931, 229)	Apr. 30, 1931	–[1]	–
May 7	City Clerk, Boston	An Act providing for additional assistant clerks of the municipal court of the city of Boston for civil business (1931, 210)	May 6, 1931	–[1]	–
May 7	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the city of Boston to borrow money for the reconstruction of streets (1931, 249)	May 5, 1931	–[1]	–
May 9	Secretary, The School Committee of the City of Boston	An Act authorizing the transfer of certain land in the Dorchester district of the city of Boston from the school department to the park department of said city (1931, 229)	May 6, 1931	–[15]	–
May 16	City Clerk, Cambridge	An Act authorizing the city of Cambridge to pay a sum of money to the widow of Allen MacPherson (1931, 233)	May 12, 1931	–[1]	–
May 26	City Clerk, Peabody	An Act authorizing the city of Peabody to establish and maintain a public hospital (1931, 241)	May 22, 1931	–[3]	–
May 29	City Clerk, Fall River	An Act relative to the pension payable to laborers in the employ of the city of Fall River upon their retirement (1930, 71)	Dec. 2, 1930	13,926	9,319

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When Received	From Whom Received	Title of Act	Date of Action	Vote	
				Yes	No
1931 May 29	Clerk, Boston Elevated Railway Company	An Act revising and extending the term of the lease to the commonwealth of the properties of the Boston Elevated Railway Company and continuing public management and operation thereof (1931, 333, s. 22)	May 21, 1931	–16	–
June 8	City Clerk, Leominster	An Act establishing the Doyle field commission in the city of Leominster and authorizing said city to acquire land to be used with an existing playground for a recreation field and to improve, maintain and conduct such field (1931, 292)	May 25, 1931	–2	–
June 8	Assistant Clerk, Worcester County Commissioners	An Act authorizing the county commissioners of Worcester county to construct a county highway in the towns of Boylston and West Boylston (1931, 51)	May 26, 1931	–17	–
June 10	Assistant Clerk, Middlesex County Commissioners	An Act authorizing the county of Middlesex to pay for medical attendance and hospital care on account of injuries sustained by probation officer Thomas L. Killion of the first district court of eastern Middlesex (1931, 353)	June 9, 1931	–13	–
June 10	City Clerk, Salem	An Act authorizing the city of Salem to make excess takings in connection with certain highway construction in said city (1931, 379)	June 9, 1931	–1	–
June 15	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the city of Boston to borrow money for airport purposes (1931, 271)	June 12, 1931	–1	–
June 18	Clerk, Berkshire County Commissioners	An Act authorizing the county of Berkshire to pay sums of money to certain persons for services and labor rendered in locating the body of Henrietta McDermott (1931, 338)	June 16, 1931	–18	–
June 26	City Clerk, Malden	An Act relative to the service of state and municipal employees in the organized militia, in the organized reserve of the army of the United States or in the United States Naval Reserve Forces (1930, 157)	June 24, 1931	–19	–
June 29	Clerk, Franklin County Commissioners	An Act authorizing the county of Franklin to provide adequate court house accommodations in the town of Greenfield and authorizing said town to convey certain land to said county in connection therewith (1931, 449)	June 25, 1931	–20	–
June 30	City Clerk, Boston	An Act providing for the construction of a municipal building on Franklin field in the Dorchester district of the city of Boston (1931, 294)	June 27, 1931	–1	–
June 30	City Clerk, Boston	An Act providing for the construction of a municipal building in the Fields Corner section of the Dorchester district of the city of Boston (1931, 295)	June 27, 1931	–1	–
June 30	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the city of Boston to borrow money for the erection of a municipal building in the Charlestown district of said city (1931, 347)	June 27, 1931	–1	–
July 1	Clerk, Boston Elevated Railway Company	An Act revising and extending the term of the lease to the Commonwealth of the properties of the Boston Elevated Railway Company and continuing public management and operation thereof (1931, 333)	June 30, 1931	–21	–
July 2	Temporary Clerk, Essex County Commissioners	An Act authorizing the county commissioners of the county of Essex to borrow money for the purpose of constructing an extension of an existing sewer at the Essex County Industrial Farm at Middleton (1931, 392)	June 23, 1931	–22	–

July 2	City Clerk, Boston	An Act providing for the construction by the city of Boston of a strandway along the waterfront in the East Boston district of said city (1931, 422)	July 1, 1931	−1	–
July 9	Clerk, Dalton Fire District	An Act authorizing the city of Pittsfield to take waters and other property for the purpose of increasing its water supply (1931, 410)	June 29, 1931	−23	–
July 15	City Clerk, Holyoke	An Act authorizing the city of Holyoke to sell certain unused cemetery land (1931, 412)	July 7, 1931	−19	–
July 18	City Clerk, Cambridge	An Act providing retirement allowances based on annuity and pension contributions for employees of the city of Cambridge (1931, 453)	July 15, 1931	−1	–
Sept. 1	Town Clerk, Barnstable	An Act authorizing the town of Barnstable to construct and operate a system of sewers (1931, 274)	Aug. 29, 1931	−2	–
Sept. 12	Assistant Clerk, Essex County Commissioners	An Act providing for necessary additions at the Essex County Tuberculosis Hospital (1931, 373)	July 24, 1931	−22	–
Sept. 15	City Clerk, Cambridge	An Act relative to the indemnification or protection of officers and employees of the commonwealth, the several counties and the cities and towns for damages sustained on account of the operation of publicly owned motor vehicles (1931, 458)	Sept. 10, 1931	−1	–
Sept. 16	Town Clerk, Wakefield	An Act authorizing the town of Wakefield to lease certain property held by it for park purposes (1931, 98)	Sept. 14, 1931	−3	–
Sept. 17	Town Clerk, Raynham	An Act authorizing the town of Raynham to supply itself and its inhabitants with water (1931, 232)	July 23, 1931	86	75
Oct. 13	City Clerk, Lowell	An Act relative to the indemnification or protection of officers and employees of the commonwealth, the several counties and the cities and towns for damages sustained on account of the operation of publicly owned motor vehicles (1931, 458)	Oct. 6, 1931	−1	–
Oct. 26	Town Clerk, Walpole	An Act authorizing cities and towns to appropriate money for the purchase of uniforms for members of their police and fire departments (1930, 351)	June 15, 1931	−3	–
Oct. 26	Town Clerk, Walpole	An Act authorizing the town of Walpole to construct and operate a system of sewers (1930, 120)	May 1, 1930	−2	–
Oct. 27	Town Clerk, Danvers	An Act establishing in the town of Danvers representative town government by limited town meetings (1930, 294)	Mar. 2, 1931	1,317	1,004
Oct. 27	Town Clerk, Pembroke	An Act authorizing the town of Pembroke to supply itself and its inhabitants with water (1930, 280)	Oct. 18, 1930	−3	–
Nov. 4	Town Clerk, Mansfield	An Act authorizing the town of Mansfield to vote to pay salaries to its selectmen (1930, 73)	Jan. 19, 1931	329	814
Nov. 4	Clerk, South Seekonk Water District	An Act establishing the South Seekonk Water District of Seekonk (1930, 225)	May 27, 1930	−3	–
Nov. 6	City Clerk, Somerville	An Act relative to the indemnification or protection of officers and employees of the commonwealth, the several counties and the cities and towns for damages sustained on account of the operation of publicly owned motor vehicles (1931, 458)	Oct. 26, 1931	−19	–
Nov. 6	City Clerk, Boston	An Act relative to the indemnification or protection of officers and employees of the commonwealth, the several counties and the cities and towns for damages sustained on account of the operation of publicly owned motor vehicles (1931, 458)	Nov. 4, 1931	−1	–
Nov. 7	Town Clerk, Hanover	An Act authorizing the town of Hanover to supply itself and its inhabitants with water (1930, 39)	Mar. 3, 1930	−2	–
Nov. 13	City Clerk, Boston	An Act revising and extending the term of the lease to the commonwealth of the properties of the Boston Elevated Railway Company and continuing public management and operation thereof (1931, 333, s. 3A)	Nov. 10, 1931	−1	–

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When Received	From Whom Received	Title of Act	Date of Action	Vote	
				Yes	No
1931 Nov. 20	Chairman, Hampden County Commissioners	An Act providing for a messenger for the court of probate and insolvency for Hampden County (1931, 354)	Nov. 18, 1931	–[11]	–
Nov. 21	City Clerk, Springfield	An Act relative to the indemnification or protection of officers and employees of the commonwealth, the several counties and the cities and towns for damages sustained on account of the operation of publicly owned motor vehicles (1931, 458, s. 4)	Oct. 19, 1931	–[1]	–
Nov. 30	City Clerk, Medford	An Act relative to the indemnification or protection of officers and employees of the Commonwealth, the several counties and the cities and towns for damages sustained on account of the operation of publicly owned motor vehicles (1931, 458, s. 4)	Nov. 25, 1931	–[19]	–

[1] Accepted by the city council.
[2] Accepted, affirmative and negative votes not returned.
[3] Adopted by unanimous vote.
[4] Accepted by the Massachusetts Society of the Cincinnati.
[5] Accepted by the park commission of Lynn.
[6] Accepted by the county commissioners of Dukes County.
[7] Accepted by the county commissioners of Bristol County.
[8] Accepted by the members of the First Congregational Society in Webster.
[9] Accepted by the members of the First Congregational Church in Webster.
[10] Accepted by the members of the First Congregational Church, of Webster, Mass.
[11] Accepted by the county commissioners of Hampden County.
[12] Accepted by the county commissioners of Hampshire County.
[13] Accepted by the county commissioners of Middlesex County.
[14] Rejected, affirmative and negative votes not returned.
[15] Accepted by the school committee of the city of Boston.
[16] Accepted by the board of directors of the Boston Elevated Railway Company.
[17] Accepted by the county commissioners of Worcester County.
[18] Accepted by the county commissioners of Berkshire County.
[19] Accepted by the board of aldermen.
[20] Accepted by the county commissioners of Franklin County.
[21] Accepted by the stockholders of the Boston Elevated Railway Company.
[22] Accepted by the county commissioners of Essex County.
[23] Accepted by the voters of the Dalton Fire District.

Abstract of the Returns of the Sheriffs of the Several Counties of the Commonwealth for the Year ending September 30, 1931, in Compliance with General Laws, Chapter 37, Section 23

Counties	Amount of Money Received					Number of Days' Attendance			
	From County Treasurer	From All Other Sources	Total	For Fees in Civil Processes	For Fees in Criminal Processes	Upon the Court	Upon County Commissioners	Upon More than One Tribunal Simultaneously	Total.
Barnstable	$1,401 36	$544 77	$1,946 13	$544 77	–	33	1	–	34
Berkshire	3,500 00	45 00	3,545 00	–	–	17	8	–	25
Bristol	4,237 86	16,659 43	20,897 29	–	–	123	3	–	126
Dukes	569 50	855 20	1,424 70	405 20	–	4	–	–	4
Essex	4,679 34	21,124 00	25,803 34	–	–	198	–	115	313
Franklin	2,325 00	537 00	2,862 00	–	–	45	–	–	45
Hampden	2,939 42	5,879 50	8,818 92	–	–	189	42	12	243
Hampshire	2,275 00	2,895 00	5,170 00	–	–	75	12	–	87
Middlesex	5,000 06	23,435 57	28,435 63	–	–	1,684	–	195	1,879
Nantucket	922 85	–	922 85	–[1]	–[1]	5	–	–	5
Norfolk	4,300 00	8,238 44	12,538 44	–	–	165	–	129	294
Plymouth	4,339 56	7,130 00	11,519 56	–	–	175	43	28	246
Suffolk	3,000 00	50,008 82	53,008 82	–	–	3,346	–	–	3,346
Worcester	4,425 00	11,029 74	15,454 74	–	–	158	–	446	604
Total	$43,964 95	$148,382 47	$192,347 42	$949 97	–	6,217	109	925	7,251

[1] Allowed to retain fees by statute.

Abstract and Tabular Statement of the Returns relative to the Law, Equity, Divorce and Criminal business of the Superior Court for the Year Ending June 30, 1931, in Compliance with General Laws, Chapter 221, Section 24, as amended. (Naturalization Business not included.)

Counties	Civil Cases																								
	Number Pending at Beginning of Year			Number of New Cases Entered During the Year			Number Disposed of in Previous Years and Brought Forward This Year			Number Transferred from Law to Equity	Number Transferred from Equity to Law	Number Finally Disposed of				Number Pending at End of Year, Including Pending Inactive Cases				Number Tried during Year				Number of Equity Cases in which Issues were Tried to a Jury
												Law				Law				Law				
	Law	Equity	Divorce and Nullity	Law	Equity	Divorce and Nullity	Law	Equity	Divorce and Nullity			Jury	Without Jury	Equity	Divorce and Nullity	Jury	Without Jury	Equity	Divorce and Nullity	Jury	Without Jury	Equity	Divorce and Nullity	
Barnstable	383	45	2	191	13	–	–	–	–	–	–	140	50	8	–	279	105	50	2	27	–	–	1	–
Berkshire	584	131	2	295	52	–	–	–	–	–	–	240	61	38	–	464	114	145	2	47	7	6	–	–
Bristol	2,784	487	6	1,058	132	–	–	–	–	1	–	876	259	120	4	2,100	608	499	2	118	32	17	–	–
Dukes	65	14	7	18	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	11	2	2	–	26	44	13	7	1	–	–	–	–
Essex	6,628	762	14	2,899	219	–	4	–	–	1	2	2,527	470	248	9	5,561	974	735	5	301	88	13	1	–
Franklin	320	78	3	151	23	1	–	–	–	–	–	102	27	24	1	288	54	77	3	21	3	11	1	–
Hampden	4,319	806	544	1,957	171	7	–	–	–	–	1	1,297	570	219	223	3,504	905	759	328	168	34	25	41	–
Hampshire	507	99	14	203	17	1	1	–	–	–	–	203	54	30	9	350	104	86	6	44	2	–	1	–
Middlesex	12,888	1,426	43	6,050	448	2	19	–	–	3	2	5,146	1,114	460	19	10,692	2,008	1,416	26	396	177	39	1	–
Nantucket	54	8	–	14	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	26	18	5	–	18	6	3	–	5	2	–	–	2
Norfolk	3,708	350	13	1,540	113	2	3	–	–	–	–	1,203	225	106	4	2,998	825	357	11	109	26	18	1	1
Plymouth	1,832	294	108	767	75	81	–	1	2	1	1	731	135	77	81	1,450	284	294	110	66	12	23	68	–
Suffolk	32,384	5,897	113	18,370	2,120	17	35	–	–	9	8	13,644	2,673	2,474	46	28,867	5,614	5,551	84	1,063	362	312	7	5
Worcester	5,977	622	10	2,677	220	–	–	–	–	–	–	2,259	414	199	4	5,216	765	643	6	167	63	46	–	1
Total	72,433	11,019	879	36,190	3,604	111	62	1	2	15	14	28,405	6,072	4,010	400	61,813	12,410	10,628	592	2,533	808	510	122	9

ABSTRACT AND TABULAR STATEMENT OF THE RETURNS RELATIVE TO THE LAW, EQUITY, DIVORCE AND CRIMINAL BUSINESS OF THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1931, IN COMPLIANCE WITH GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 221, SECTION 24, AS AMENDED. (Naturalization Business not included.)—Concluded.

Counties	Civil Cases														Criminal Cases									
	Number Awaiting Trial at End of Year				Number Marked Inactive During the Year Under Rule of the Court				Number Marked Inactive at Any Time, Pending at End of Year, and Subject to Dismissal under the Rule				Number of Days during which Court has Sat for Hearings or Trials											
	Law				Law				Law															
	Jury	Without Jury	Equity	Divorce and Nullity	Jury	Without Jury	Equity	Divorce and Nullity	Jury	Without Jury	Equity	Divorce and Nullity	Jury	Without Jury	Number Remaining at First of Year	Number of Indictments Returned	Number of Appeal Cases	Number of Actions on Bail Bonds or Recognizances Entered	Number Disposed of in Previous Years, Brought Forward for Redisposition	Number Disposed of During Year	Number Remaining at End of Year	Number Tried During Year	Number Awaiting Trial at End of Year	Number of Days during which Court has Sat for Trials, Hearings or Dispositions
Barnstable	276	103	47	–	34	34	16	–	54	57	26	2	30	5	68	59	80	–	1	145	63	11	28	9½
Berkshire	277	21	15	–	43	11	7	1	134	52	39	1	50	14	48	53	85	1	–	114	73	15	39	16
Bristol	1,914	341	136	1	194	68	53	1	745	319	249	1	145	33	605	463	794	–	10	1,510	362	167	249	57
Dukes	–	–	–	–	3	10	8	7	3	10	8	7	[1]3	–[1]	11	5	12	–	–	9	19	–	–	–[1]
Essex	5,529	965	706	5	1,153	217	181	3	1,899	461	359	5	321	72	403	793	966	38	102	2,195	107	244	97	155
Franklin	178	20	36	2	19	3	10	–	78	25	38	1	31	3	23	32	27	–	–	56	26	46	11	7
Hampden	3,485	894	754	315	584	188	190	105	993	429	411	294	184	85	67	179	219	8	2	312	163	40	163	53
Hampshire	307	97	56	4	34	20	12	2	87	57	27	3	41	2	67	75	137	–	49	216	112	46	56	31
Middlesex	10,335	1,709	1,369	23	2,119	502	304	7	3,388	928	630	14	573	180	323	1,606	1,229	15	177	2,890	460	617	371	375
Nantucket	18	6	3	–	18	17	5	–	18	17	5	–	4	3	13	4	5	4	–	19	7	8	7	3
Norfolk	2,951	823	357	9	672	145	80	1	1,008	281	161	8	167	34	262	236	421	7	57	599	384	125	342	93
Plymouth	1,391	261	145	67	224	60	65	12	448	171	149	29	79	25	265	392	455	8	49	884	285	83	188	89
Suffolk	26,459	4,251	4,737	56	3,820	876	919	6	8,071	2,277	3,071	58	1,357	886	249	1,239	4,938	31	342	6,304	495	1,737	399	888
Worcester	5,136	735	599	6	459	98	106	–	1,248	324	282	4	238	97	53	389	533	9	41	917	108	169	89	138
Total	58,256	10,226	8,960	488	9,376	2,249	1,956	145	18,174	5,408	5,455	427	3,223	1,439	2,457	5,525	9,901	121	830	16,170	2,664	3,308	2,039	1,914½

[1] No separate sessions, Court sat during year about three days for all business, civil and criminal.

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Office of the Secretary, January 5, 1933.

To the Honorable Senate and the House of Representatives:

I have the honor to submit, in compliance with General Laws, chapter 9, section 17, the annual report of the transactions of this office for the year ending November 30, 1932, the returns of the sheriffs of the several counties of money received by them, and of their attendance upon a court of record and the county commissioners; a report showing the aggregate vote, both affirmative and negative, on every act or part of an act which shall have been referred by the General Court for acceptance or rejection to the voters of the Commonwealth or any part thereof, or to the city council of any city, during the calendar year 1932; and a record of the work of this Department in respect to public records under chapter 66 of the General Laws.

There is also presented, in compliance with General Laws, chapter 221, section 24, as amended, abstract and tabular statements of the returns of the clerks of the courts for the several counties and the clerks of the Superior Court for civil and for criminal business in Suffolk county; as to civil cases, the number of law, equity and divorce cases pending at the beginning of each year in the Superior Court for their respective counties, the number of cases of each class disposed of in previous years and brought forward this year, the number of law cases transferred to equity, and the number of equity cases transferred to law, the number of jury, without jury, equity, and divorce cases disposed of during the year, the number of each of these four classes of cases pending at end of the year, the number of each of these classes of cases tried during the year (not including number in which issues were tried to a jury), the number of equity cases in which issues were tried to a jury, the number of jury, without jury, equity, and divorce cases awaiting trial at end of the year, the number of each of said classes of cases marked inactive during the year under rule of the court, and the number of each of said classes of cases marked inactive at any time, pending at end of year, and subject to dismissal under the rule, and the number of days during which court has sat for hearings or trials with jury and without jury; and, as to criminal cases, the number of such cases remaining at the first of each year in the superior court for their respective counties, the number of indictments returned during the year, the number of appealed cases entered during the year, the number of actions on bail bonds or recognizances entered, the number disposed of in previous years which have been brought forward for redisposition, the number of cases disposed of during the year, the number of cases remaining at end of the year, the number of cases tried during the year, the number awaiting trial at end of the year, and the number of days during which the court has sat in their respective counties for trials, hearings, or dispositions.

Receipts

The following table shows, in detail, receipts from fees, etc., all of which were paid into the treasury daily, and quarterly reports thereof made to the Governor and Council, as required by General Laws, chapter 9, section 1:—

Commissions		$15,735 00
Corporation Certificates		366,602 08
Limited Partnerships		370 00
Labels, Trade-marks, etc.		4,075 00
Sale of Books, etc. 19,671.17 / 128.25		19,799 42
Certificates		2,524 00
Military Records		89 10
Copies:		
Corporations	$5,698 78	
Archives	3,890 48	
		9,589 26
Miscellaneous:		
Vital Statistics	$1,482 00	
Advance Sheets	498 00	
		1,980 00
		$420,763 86

Commissions

The number of commissions issued during the year ending November 30, 1932, was 3,461 (a decrease of 648 from the preceding year), of which 332 were without fee and 75 became void by reason of the failure of the appointees to take out the commissions or to qualify thereunder. The different classes were as follows:—

Notaries public	2,593
Justices of the peace	509
Justices of the peace to solemnize marriages	14
Justices, Supreme Court	2
Justices, Superior Court	2
Justice, Juvenile Court	1
Justices and special justices, municipal and district courts	8
Justices of the peace to issue warrants and take bail	6
Trial Justices	4
Clerks, municipal and district courts	23
Register of Probate and Insolvency	1
Sheriff	1
Masters in chancery	9
Public administrators	8
Special state police officers	38
Trustees, commissioners, etc.	120
Public warehousemen	40
Medical examiners	13
Associate medical examiners	8
Commissioners to qualify public officers	4
Board of Excise, City of Chelsea	1
Fall River Board of Finance	2
Mashpee Advisory Commission	3
Member of Governor's Council	1
Supervisors of Elections, City of Chelsea	12
Supervisors of Elections, Town of Tyngsborough	2
Supervisors of Elections, City of Attleboro	2
Supervisors of Elections, City of Revere	34
	3,461

Certificates to the number of 6,390 were issued, of which 1,342 were for certificates for which no fees are charged.

Corporation Division (Rooms 332 and 333)

The total number of certificates of incorporation issued under General Laws to new corporations for the fiscal year ending November 30, 1932, was 2,727 — an increase of 82 as compared with the fiscal year ending November 30, 1931. They were classified as follows: —

Trading corporations (under General Laws, chapter 156, section 12)	2,498
Religious, charitable, social, educational, musical, athletic, etc., corporations (under General Laws, chapter 180, section 3)	203
Fraternal beneficiary corporations (under General Laws, chapter 176, section 9)	7
Churches (under General Laws, chapter 67, section 51)	5
Credit unions (under General Laws, chapter 171, section 3)	9
Trust company (under General Laws, chapter 172, section 10)	1
Water companies (under General Laws, chapter 158, section 9)	2
Safe deposit company (under General Laws, chapter 158, section 2)	1
Street railway company (under General Laws, chapter 161, section 136)	1

The number of miscellaneous certificates filed and recorded was 20,949 — a decrease of 426 as compared with the fiscal year ending November 30, 1931. Of these, 16,849 were certificates of condition of Massachusetts corporations (under General Laws, chapter 158, section 37 and chapter 156, section 47); 2,498 were articles of organization of trading corporations (under General Laws, chapter 156, section 12); 203 were certificates of religious, charitable, social and other organizations (under General Laws, chapter 180); 432 were certificates of issue of capital stock of trading corporations (under General Laws, chapter 156, sections 16 and 17), and the others were distributed among 26 different classes.

The number of miscellaneous certificates filed was 2,204, of which 2,103 were certificates of condition of foreign corporations (under General Laws, chapter 181, section 12), and the others were divided among 18 other classes.

There were issued 28 certificates of change of name of corporations (under General Laws, chapter 155, section 10, and chapter 180, section 11).

Returns were received of the dissolution of 26 corporations by the Supreme Judicial and Superior Courts.

Under the act relating to the incorporation of clubs, charters were refused in 19 cases, 6 charters declared void, and 5 applications for incorporation withdrawn. Under the law relative to change of name of clubs, one such application was withdrawn.

Limited partnership certificates to the number of 37 were filed and recorded.

Two thousand six hundred and forty-eight certified copies of the records and certificates were supplied — a decrease of 254 as compared with the fiscal year ending November 30, 1931.

Labels, Trade-Marks, etc., (Room 333)

By General Laws, chapter 110, section 8, which relates to the adoption and registration of labels, trade-marks, stamps and forms of advertisement, the duty is placed upon the Secretary of the Commonwealth of receiving, filing and recording such labels, etc., and of issuing and recording certificates of record. Under this law, labels, trade-marks, stamps and forms of advertisement were received, and certificates of record issued and recorded in 148 cases.

Under General Laws, chapter 110, section 8, which provides for the assignment of labels, trade-marks, stamps and forms of advertisement, 15 assignments were received, and certificates of registration issued and recorded.

Insignia of Societies and Labor Unions (Room 333)

General Laws, chapter 110, section 9, provides for the registration in this office of the insignia, ribbons, badges, rosettes, buttons and emblems of societies, associations and labor unions. One registration was received which has been included with the number of labels above given, under General Laws, chapter 110, section 8.

Marks and Devices on Cans, etc., (Room 333)

By General Laws, chapter 110, section 17, which provides for the protection of owners of cans, bottles, boxes, siphons and fountains used in the sale of soda water, mineral and aerated waters, ale, beer, ginger ale or similar beverages, it is made the duty of the Secretary of the Commonwealth to receive and file descriptions of marks, devices, etc., and under this law 3 such descriptions were received and filed. Under General Laws, chapter 110, section 21, as amended by chapter 37, Acts of 1924, which provides for the protection of dealers and consumers against the unlawful use and destruction of milk and ice cream cans, jugs, bottles, jars, tubs or cabinets, 17 descriptions of marks, devices, etc., were received and filed.

Vital Statistics Division (Room 334)

Under the provisions of General Laws, chapter 46, section 17, returns of births and marriages from 355 cities and towns and births from the State Infirmary at Tewksbury for the year 1931, which were received in 1932, cover 69,385 births and 26,296 marriages, a decrease of 4,305 births and a decrease of 1,135 marriages, as compared with the returns of 1930.

Under the provisions of the same law 48,743 certified copies of records of deaths were received, covering the period from January 1, 1931, to December 31, 1931, a decrease of 760 as compared with the returns of 1930.

Medical examiners' returns for 1931 cover 8,028, an increase of 46 as compared with the returns for 1930.

Returns by clerks of courts and registers of probate of the decrees of divorce for 1931 number 4,303, a decrease of 257 as compared with the returns for 1930.

These figures are fully compiled and analyzed in the annual registration report for 1931 (Public Document No. 1), and were available August 2, 1932.

During the year 3,248 certificates of birth, 1,941 certificates of marriage and 1,135 certificates of death were issued, a total of 6,324. Of these 3,294 were certified abstracts given for Soldiers' Relief and United States Government war claims. There were 16,708 requests for records. Fees received from these certificates amounted to $1,482.00.

5,383 abstracts of birth records for school, employment and enlistment purposes were issued without charge.

There were 3,677 delayed records of birth and corrections of birth records received; 154 corrections of marriage and 184 corrections of death records were also received.

Changes of Names of Persons

The returns of 1,217 names, changed in 1931 as decreed by the several probate courts, were received and filed in compliance with the requirements of General Laws, chapter 210, section 12.

Archives Division (Room 438)

There have been made during the fiscal year 78 military certificates, 21 typewritten copies, and 21,582 photostatic copies of legislative records and files, maps, corporation records, finger prints, etc.

The following fees have been received: military certificates, $89.10; typewritten copies, $34.30; photostatic copies, $3,856.18; totalling $3,979.58.

Three hundred and fifty copies each of New Bedford births to 1850 and New Bedford marriages to 1850, both compiled by the New England Historic Genealogical Society, have been purchased, and have been distributed to libraries by the Document Division (Chap. 562, Acts of 1920, and Chap.199, Acts of 1922).

From the Massachusetts Historical Society has been received Vol. XIII of the reprint of the Journals of the House of Representatives of Massachusetts (1735–36).

Public Document Division (Room 118)

During the year 1932 the following publications were received for distribution through the Public Document Division: 62,781 volumes of the Public Document Series, representing 76 reports of the several state departments, boards and commissions: 3,130 copies of the Acts and Resolves passed by the General Court of Massachusetts at an extra session, 1931; 10,000 copies of the 1932 pamphlet edition of the session laws; 9,054 copies of the 1932 bound edition of the session laws, commonly called the Blue Book; 600 copies each of the Senate and House Journals, 1932, total 1,200 copies (from the Sergeant-at-Arms); 454 copies each of the Massachusetts Reports, Nos. 273, 274, 275, 276 and 277, total 2,270 copies; 604 copies of the Proceedings of the Sixty-sixth Annual Encampment, Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Massachusetts, 1932; 600 copies of the Proceedings of the Thirty-second Annual Encampment, United Spanish War Veterans, Department of Massachusetts, 1931; 1,510 copies of the Proceedings of the Annual Encampment, The American Legion, Department of Massachusetts, 1931; 802 copies of the Proceedings of the Annual Encampment, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Massachusetts, 1931; 350 copies each of Volumes 1 and 2 of the Early Vital Records of New Bedford, total 700 copies; 300 copies of the Journals of the House of Representatives, Vol. 13, 1735–36; 50 copies of the 1931 report of the Finance Commission for the City of Lowell, which copies were received from the above commission; 100 copies of the 1931 report of the Fall River Board of Finance, which copies were received from the above board; 1,030 copies of the Statutes Relating to Savings Banks, 1932; 722 copies of the Statutes Relating to Trust Companies, 1932; 1,019 copies of the Statutes Relating to Co-operative Banks, 1932; 1,016 copies of the Statutes Relating to Credit Unions, 1931; 1,899 copies of the General Laws Relating to Corporations, 1931; 10,200 copies of the 1931 amendments to the Laws Relating to Insurance and Insurance Companies; 8,000 copies of the 1932 amendments to the Laws Relating to Insurance and Insurance Companies; 10,098 copies of the Manual for the Instruction of Applicants for the Police Service of Cities and Towns in Massachusetts; 1,880 copies of the Addresses and Messages to the General Court, Proclamations, Official Addresses, Correspondence and Statements of His Excellency Governor Frank G. Allen, 1929 and 1930; 350 copies of edition of the Executive Council report on the return of votes for State Officers, 1932; 2,000 copies of the Massachusetts Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines in the Civil War, Vol. 3; 2,000 copies of the Massachusetts Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines in the Civil War, Vol. 4; 2,000 copies of the Massachusetts Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines in the Civil War, Vol. 5, 7,500 copies each of Vols. 1 and 2 of the Tercentenary Edition of General Laws of Massachusetts, 1931; 10,000 copies of "Portraits of New England Birds"; 2,502 copies of the Report of 1930 National Convention, The American Legion; held in Boston, 1930; 2,920 copies of the Publication "300 Years of the General Court of Massachusetts, 1630–1930"; 1,200 copies of the publication "Massachusetts on the Sea, 1630–1930"; 1,199 copies of the publication "Pathways of the Puritans"; 5,300 copies of map showing Congressional Districts, 1931; making a grand total of 165,936 volumes that have passed through this division during the year.

Division of Public Records (Room 252)

Inspections

Under the provisions of General Laws, chapter 66, section 1, there have been made by the Supervisor of Records during the year 1932 inspections of the care, custody, condition and protection against fires of the public records of the departments and offices of the counties, cities and towns as follows:

Abington, Alford, Arlington, Ashburnham, Ashland, Attleboro, Avon, Ayer, Barre, Bedford, Belchertown, Bellingham, Belmont, Berlin, Bernardston, Blackstone, Blandford, Bolton, Boxford, Braintree, Bridgewater, Brimfield, Buckland, Burlington, Canton, Charlemont, Chelmsford, Chelsea,

Chester, Chesterfield, Cohasset, Cummington, Dana, Danvers, Dedham, Deerfield, Dracut, Duxbury, East Bridgewater, Easton, Egremont, Enfield, Erving, Essex, Everett, Fitchburg, Florida, Foxboro, Framingham, Franklin, Goshen, Grafton, Granby, Granville, Great Barrington, Greenfield, Greenwich, Hadley, Halifax, Hampden, Hanover, Hanson, Hardwick, Hingham, Holbrook, Holden, Holliston, Hopedale, Hopkinton, Hubbardston, Huntington, Kingston, Lancaster, Lawrence, Lenox, Leominster, Lexington, Leyden, Littleton, Lunenburg, Lynn, Lynnfield, Malden, Mansfield, Marblehead, Marshfield, Medway, Melrose, Mendon, Methuen, Middlefield, Middleton, Milford, Millis, Millville, Milton, Monroe, Monson, Monterey, Montgomery, Mount Washington, Needham, New Marlborough, New Salem, Norfolk, North Attleborough, North Reading, Northampton, Northborough, Northbridge, Norton, Norwell, Norwood, Orange, Palmer, Pelham, Pembroke, Petersham, Pittsfield, Plainfield, Plainville, Plymouth, Plympton, Prescott, Princeton, Quincy, Randolph, Raynham, Revere, Rockland, Rockport, Rowley, Russell, Salem, Saugus, Scituate, Sharon, Sheffield, Shelburne, Shirley, South Hadley, Southbridge, Stoneham, Stoughton, Sturbridge, Sudbury, Swampscott, Taunton, Templeton, Tolland, Topsfield, Tyringham, Upton, Uxbridge, Wakefield, Ware, Warwick, Wayland, Wellesley, Wendell, West Bridgewater, West Stockbridge, Westminster, Weston, Westwood, Weymouth, Whitman, Williamsburg, Wilmington, Winchendon, Winchester, Winthrop, Worthington, Wrentham.

During the year eight vaults and four safes have been approved by this office.

Fires

On the afternoon of December 21, 1931, fire broke out in the home of the Town Clerk at Sutton. The safe which contained the clerk's records preserved the contents intact.

On the evening of March 6, 1932, fire totally destroyed the home of the Town Clerk at Hampden. The safe which contained the clerk's records preserved its contents intact.

City Halls

The new City Hall at Newton, an impressive War Memorial combined with city offices in a group of buildings of colonial effect, was dedicated on Armistice Day.

Town Halls

The new Town Hall at Pembroke is completed and occupied. The Town of Medway has purchased a building for the Town offices and will occupy it early in January, 1933.

Court Houses

The new Franklin County Court House at Greenfield, of fine Georgian style, that will house the Superior Court, Registries of Deeds and Probate and the District Court, is completed and occupied.

Berkshire County is constructing a new vault in the basement of the Court House Annex at Pittsfield, for the storage of records.

District Courts

Middlesex County has completed its new District Court House at Cambridge.

Norfolk County is constructing a new vault in the Court House at Quincy for the storage of records.

Repairing and Binding

Records have been repaired and rebound during the year for the towns of Lenox, Plymouth, Rockport and Seekonk; Registries of Deeds at Lowell, Northampton and Plymouth; Registries of Probate at Edgartown and Plymouth.

Typewriter Ribbons and Stamping Pads

A printed list of approved typewriter ribbons and stamping pads will be published later for distribution.

Legislative Counsel and Agents' Expenses (1932)

In compliance with General Laws, chapter 3, sections 39 to 50 inclusive, relative to legislative counsel and agents' expenses incurred or paid in connection with promoting or opposing legislation during the last session of the General Court, there were 209 entries made in the dockets, a decrease of 35 as compared with 1931.

Returns covering 208 entries were received from persons, associations, or corporations employing legislative counsel and agents. One employer failed to file a return and was therefore reported to the Attorney General. Twenty-three returns appeared not to conform to law, twenty-one of which were later corrected; the other two were reported to the Attorney General as required by law.

The total amount reported as paid to legislative counsel and agents was $90,129.89; in addition to this $15,230 represented annual salaries or retainers apportioned and $54,106.25 unapportioned. Twenty employers stated that they paid nothing.

Proclamations

The proclamations of His Excellency the Governor for the observance of Lincoln Day, Arbor and Bird Day, Flag Day and Thanksgiving Day were printed and distributed under the direction of this office.

Of the Lincoln Day proclamations 11,000 copies were distributed to churches, schools, institutions, patriotic societies, postmasters and city and town clerks. Of the Arbor and Bird Day proclamations 10,200 copies were mailed to churches, schools, granges, agricultural societies, institutions, postmasters and city and town clerks. Flag Day proclamations to the number of 11,000 were mailed to churches, schools, postmasters, patriotic societies, institutions and city and town clerks, and 10,000 Thanksgiving proclamations were sent to churches, schools, postmasters and city and town clerks.

In addition to the above, proclamations were printed and distributed as follows: For the observance of Spanish War Memorial Day and Maine Memorial Day, February 15, 1932, 11,000 copies were printed and mailed to churches, schools, institutions, patriotic societies, postmasters and city and town clerks. On the bicentennial of the birth of George Washington, February 22, 1932, 11,000 copies were printed and mailed to churches, schools, institutions, patriotic societies, postmasters and city and town clerks. On the observance of the anniversary of the Battle of Bunker Hill, June 17, 1932, 11,000 copies of the Governor's proclamation were printed and mailed to churches, schools, institutions, patriotic societies, postmasters and city and town clerks. Fire Prevention Week was designated to include the week of October 9, 1932, and 6,650 copies of the Governor's proclamation were distributed to the fire chiefs of the Commonwealth for churches, schools and post offices.

A proclamation was also issued in observance of the anniversary of the death of Brigadier General Casimir Pulaski, October 11, 1932, and 11,000 proclamations were printed and distributed to schools, churches, institutions, patriotic societies, postmasters and city and town clerks. For the observance of Armistice Day, November 11, 1932, 11,000 proclamations were printed and distributed to schools, churches, institutions, patriotic societies, postmasters and city and town clerks.

In observance of Humane Sunday, April 17, 1932 and "Be Kind to Animals Week", April 18 to 23, 1932, a proclamation was issued by His Excellency the Governor to the press.

Pardons, Commutations, Respites, Requisitions, etc.

The number of pardons, unconditional, made out and issued during the year was 1; pardons, under parole conditions, 33; pardons, full and com-

plete, 6; commutations, 5; respites, 1; requisitions upon other States, 196; upon the Secretary of the Navy of the United States, 1; upon the Secretary of State of the United States for extradition requests upon foreign countries, 2; upon the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, 1; and warrants issued upon requisitions from other States, 35.

Rules and Regulations of State Departments

By General Laws, chapter 30, section 37, certain rules and regulations of departments, commissions, boards or officials vested by law with the power to make and issue rules and regulations general in scope, and to be observed or performed under penalty for the violation thereof, shall not take effect until attested copies thereof have been filed with the Secretary of the Commonwealth. Under this law rules and regulations were filed by the following departments during the year 1932: Department of Agriculture, Department of Banking and Insurance, Board of Registration of Barbers, Department of Civil Service and Registration, Department of Conservation, Department of Labor and Industries, Department of Public Health, Department of Public Safety, Department of Public Utilities, Department of Public Works and Metropolitan District Commission.

Miscellaneous

The two reports from this office which form a part of the Public Document series, namely, Returns of Births, Marriages, Divorces and Deaths (Public Document No. 1) and Returns of Assessed Polls, Registered Voters and Persons who voted, etc. (Public Document No. 43) have been made, as required by law.

Frederic W. Cook,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Returns from Cities and Towns relative to Action taken under Certain Provisions of the General Laws

When Received	City or Town	Subject and Reference	Action	Date of Action
1931				
Dec. 18	Leominster	Inspection of buildings, G. L. 143, ss. 1–12	Accepted	Dec. 14, 1931
1932				
Jan. 2	Auburn	Police department established, G. L. 41, s. 97	Accepted	Nov. 2, 1931
Feb. 26	Chatham	Appointment of town accountant, G. L. 41, s. 55	Accepted	Feb. 16, 1932
Mar. 1	Pembroke	Collection of water rates, 1923, 391	Accepted	Mar. 2, 1931
Mar. 14	Marblehead	Appointment of assistant assessors, 1921, 14 (G. L. 41, s. 25A)	Accepted	Mar. 7, 1932
Mar. 15	Barnstable	Police department established, G. L. 41, s. 97	Accepted	Mar. 8, 1932
Mar. 17	Stoneham	Reserve police forces in certain towns, 1930, 15 (G. L. 147, s. 13A)	Accepted	Mar. 14, 1932
Mar. 22	Dennis	Board of selectmen to act as assessors, G. L. 41, s. 21	Accepted	Mar. 8, 1932
Mar. 22	Dennis	Establishment of fire department, G. L. 48, ss. 42–44	Accepted	Mar. 8, 1932
Mar. 22	Dennis	Board of cemetery commissioners, G. L. 114, ss. 22–27	Accepted	Mar. 8, 1932
Mar. 24	Framingham	Athletic outdoor sports or games on the Lord's day, 1931, 426, s. 244 (G. L. 136, ss. 26–32)	Accepted	Mar. 21, 1932
May 14	Braintree	Certain sports and games permitted on the Lord's Day, G. L. 136, ss. 21–25, as amended	Accepted	Apr. 11, 1932
May 16	Lowell	Retirement on pension of Spanish and World War veterans, G. L. 32, ss. 56–60	Accepted	May 14, 1932
May 25	Beverly	Licensing of open-air parking spaces, 1930, 399 (G. L. 148, s. 56)	Accepted	May 19, 1932
June 29	Wakefield	Certain sports and games permitted on the Lord's day, G. L. 136, ss. 21–28, as amended	Accepted	June 27, 1932
June 29	Arlington	Appointment of assistant assessors, 1921, 14 (G. L. 41, s. 25A)	Accepted	June 21, 1932
July 15	Watertown	Uniforms for members of police and fire departments, 1930, 351 (G. L. 40, s. 6B)	Accepted	July 7, 1932
July 15	Watertown	Reserve police forces in certain towns, 1930, 15 (G. L. 147, s. 13A)	Accepted	July 7, 1932
July 19	Norwood	Collection of water rates, G. L. 40, ss. 42A–42F	Accepted	July 7, 1932
Aug. 12	Winchendon	Reserve police forces in certain towns, 1930, 15 (G. L. 147, s. 13A)	Accepted	July 22, 1932
Sept. 9	Leominster	Disposition of burnt or dangerous buildings, G. L. 139, ss. 1, 2 and 3	Accepted	Aug. 22, 1932
Sept. 10	Arlington	Public baths or wash houses, G. L. 40, s. 12	Accepted	Mar. 30, 1932
Sept. 10	Arlington	Appointment of assistant assessors, 1921, 14 (G. L. 41, s. 25A)	Accepted	June 21, 1932
Nov. 15	Norwood	Two platoon system in fire department, G. L. 48, s. 59	Rejected	Nov. 8, 1932

Returns relative to the Acceptance or Rejection of Certain Special Acts passed by the General Court and Referred to the Voters, to the City Council of a City, to the Selectmen of a Town, or the County Commissioners of a County

When Received	From Whom Received	Title of Act	Date of Action	Vote	
				Yes	No
1931					
Dec. 9	City Clerk, Cambridge	An Act giving the city council of the city of Cambridge the right to disapprove the granting in said city of certain licenses relative to explosives and inflammables (1931, 388)	Nov. 3, 1931	–[1]	–
Dec. 9	City Clerk, Cambridge	An Act providing retirement allowances based on annuity and pension contributions for employees of the city of Cambridge (1931, 453)	Nov. 3, 1931	–[1]	–
Dec. 16	City Clerk, Holyoke	An Act providing for biennial municipal elections in the city of Holyoke (1931, 206)	Dec. 1, 1931	4,598	10,272
Dec. 21	City Clerk, Brockton	An Act authorizing the payment of salaries to members of the city council of the city of Brockton (1930, 174)	Dec. 8, 1931	3,527	14,542
Dec. 22	City Clerk, Boston	An Act establishing the compensation of special justices of the municipal court of the city of Boston (1931, 136)	Dec. 19, 1931	–[2]	–
Dec. 22	Clerk, Worcester County Commissioners	An Act providing additional funds for the purpose of providing a hospital for the Worcester county tuberculosis hospital district (1931, 390)	June 8, 1931	–[3]	–
Dec. 30	City Clerk, Chelsea	An Act changing the date of the biennial municipal election in the city of Chelsea (1931, 238)	Dec. 15, 1931	5,844	1,601
Dec. 31	City Clerk, Chelsea	An Act providing retirement allowances based on annuity and pension contributions for employees of the city of Chelsea (1931, 448)	Dec. 15, 1931	6,271	1,864
Dec. 31	Assistant Clerk, Worcester County Commissioners	An Act authorizing the county of Worcester to provide adequate accommodations for the central district court of Worcester, the Worcester district registry of deeds and certain other county activities (1931, 56)	Dec. 30, 1931	–[3]	–
1932					
Jan. 5	City Clerk, Lynn	An Act authorizing the General Electric Company to maintain a bridge over Federal street in the city of Lynn (1931, 322)	July 28, 1931	–[4]	–
Jan. 6	City Clerk, Waltham	An Act to provide for the funding by the city of Waltham of certain overpayments of taxes assessed to the Waltham Watch Company (1931, 197)	Apr. 17, 1931	–[4]	–
Jan. 7	City Clerk, Boston	An Act to provide additional court house accommodations and facilities for the courts and other officials in the county of Suffolk (1931, 384)	Dec. 31, 1931	–	–[5]
Jan. 7	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the city of Boston to pay an annuity to or for the benefit of the widow and children of Frank J. Comeau (1931, 427)	July 28, 1931	–	–[5]
Jan. 7	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the city of Boston to pay an annuity to the widow of Frank L. Lyons, a former captain in the fire department of said city (1931, 277)	June 15, 1931	–	–[5]
Jan. 7	Town Clerk, Scituate	An Act providing for the extension of certain sea walls and other shore protection in the town of Scituate (1931, 424)	Aug. 19, 1931	–[1]	–
Jan. 8	Clerk, Franklin County Commissioners	An Act to provide for the construction, original equipment and furnishing of a nurses' home at the Hampshire county sanatorium at Leeds in the city of Northampton (1931, 38)	Mar. 21, 1931	–[6]	–
Jan. 9	City Clerk, Chelsea	An Act establishing the Chelsea Traffic Commission and defining its powers and duties (1931, 192)	June 22, 1931	–	–[7]
Jan. 14	Town Clerk, Mansfield	An Act providing for a finance committee in the town of Mansfield, (1931, 70)	Feb. 23, 1931	–[1]	–

Jan. 14	Town Clerk, Bedford	An Act authorizing the selectmen of the town of Bedford to act as a board of public works exercising the powers of certain other boards and town officers (1931, 19)	May 19, 1931	128	178
Jan. 14	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the city of Boston to continue the payment of a pension to the widow of Daniel T. Dineen (1931, 446)	July 28, 1931	–[4]	–
Jan. 14	Clerk, Berkshire County Commissioners	An Act to provide for the construction, original equipment and furnishing of a nurses' home at the Hampshire county sanatorium at Leeds in the city of Northampton (1931, 38)	Mar. 26, 1931	–[8]	–
Jan. 14	Town Clerk, Foxborough	An Act establishing a part of the boundary line between the towns of Walpole and Foxborough (1931, 307)	Sept. 29, 1931	86	309
Jan. 14	Town Clerk, Foxborough	An Act authorizing the town of Foxborough to take over the properties and assume the obligations of The Foxborough Water Supply District (1931, 227)	Sept. 29, 1931	–[9]	–
Jan. 15	City Clerk, Quincy	An Act giving the city council of the city of Quincy the right to disapprove the granting in said city of certain licenses relative to explosives and inflammables (1931, 431)	Dec. 8, 1931	5,240	5,099
Jan. 15	City Clerk, Medford	An Act abolishing the schoolhouse building commission in the city of Medford (1931, 361)	Nov. 3, 1931	6,528	6,682
Jan. 16	Chairman, Plymouth County Commissioners	An Act providing for the construction of a sea wall and the placing of riprap for the protection of the shore in the town of Marshfield (1931, 407)	July 28, 1931	–[10]	–
Jan. 16	Chairman, Plymouth County Commissioners	An Act providing for the extension of certain sea walls and other shore protection in the town of Scituate (1931, 424)	July 28, 1931	–[10]	–
Jan. 16	Town Clerk, Reading	An Act relative to the determination of annual charges for the use of the system of sewerage established in the town of Reading (1931, 85)	Mar. 16, 1931	275	0
Jan. 16	City Clerk, Peabody	An Act relative to the salary of the mayor of the city of Peabody (1931, 53)	Dec. 8, 1931	1,320	2,602
Jan. 20	Town Clerk, Southampton	An Act authorizing the town of Southampton to supply itself and its inhabitants with water (1931, 339)	June 22, 1931	–[9]	–
Jan. 20	Town Clerk, Marshfield	An Act providing for the construction of a sea wall and the placing of riprap for the protection of the shore in the town of Marshfield (1931, 407)	July 15, 1931	–[9]	–
Jan. 20	Town Clerk, West Boylston	An Act authorizing the town of West Boylston to receive and administer the property of the Mount Vernon Cemetery Association in said town, subject to judicial decree as affecting trust property (1931, 257)	July 1, 1931	–[9]	–
Jan. 21	Town Clerk, Easton	An Act establishing the Furnace Village Water District of Easton (1931, 147)	Apr. 13, 1931	26	3
Jan. 23	Clerk, West Warren Water District	An Act establishing the West Warren Water District (1931, 425)	July 25, 1931	15	2
Feb. 9	Town Clerk, Chester	An Act authorizing the town of Chester to take over the properties and assume the obligations of the Chester fire district (1931, 355)	Feb. 1, 1932	–[9]	–
Feb. 11	City Clerk, Medford	An Act relative to the indemnification or protection of officers and employees of the commonwealth, the several counties and the cities and towns for damages sustained on account of the operation of publicly owned motor vehicles (1931, 458, s. 4)	Nov. 25, 1931	–[11]	–
Feb. 16	Town Clerk, Billerica	An Act authorizing the selectmen of the town of Billerica to act as a board of public works exercising the powers of certain other boards and town officers (1930, 221)	Feb. 6, 1932	766	621
Mar. 3	Assistant Clerk, Middlesex County Commissioners	An Act authorizing the county of Middlesex to borrow money for the purpose of funding temporary loans issued for the construction of the Middlesex County Tuberculosis Hospital (1932, 10)	Feb. 9, 1932	–[12]	–
Mar. 10	City Clerk, Marlborough	An Act changing the date of the biennial municipal election in the city of Marlborough (1932, 37)	Mar. 9, 1932	–[4]	–
Mar. 12	Town Clerk, Norwood	An Act relative to sewer assessments in the town of Norwood (1930, 196)	Mar. 10, 1932	–[9]	–
Mar. 14	Town Clerk, Marblehead	An Act relative to the indemnification or protection of officers and employees of the commonwealth, the several counties and the cities and towns for damages sustained on account of the operation of publicly owned motor vehicles (1931, 458, ss. 3 and 4)	Mar. 7, 1932	–[1]	–
Mar. 18	City Clerk, Somerville	An Act relative to the indemnification or protection of officers and employees of the commonwealth, the several counties and the cities and towns for damages sustained on account of the operation of publicly owned motor vehicles (1931, 458)	Mar. 15, 1932	–[11]	–

RETURNS RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF CERTAIN SPECIAL ACTS PASSED BY THE GENERAL COURT AND REFERRED TO THE VOTERS, TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF A CITY, TO THE SELECTMEN OF A TOWN, OR THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF A COUNTY —*Concluded*

When Received	From Whom Received	Title of Act	Date of Action	Vote	
				Yes	No
1932					
Mar. 23	Town Clerk, Marblehead	An Act authorizing the town of Marblehead to acquire unimproved lands therein for the purpose of establishing shore reservations (1932, 68)	Mar. 21, 1932	–[9]	–
Mar. 24	City Clerk, Revere	An Act providing for advance payment on account of taxes for the current year in certain cities and towns (1932, 94)	Mar. 23, 1932	–[4]	–
Mar. 24	Town Clerk, Framingham	An Act relative to the indemnification or protection of officers and employees of the commonwealth, the several counties and the cities and towns for damages sustained on account of the operation of publicly owned motor vehicles (1931, 458, s. 4)	Mar. 21, 1932	–[1]	–
Mar. 28	City Clerk, Cambridge	An Act authorizing the city of Cambridge to use for a golf course land acquired for a reservoir and for the protection of its water supply (1932, 32)	Mar. 24, 1932	–[4]	–
Mar. 28	City Clerk, New Bedford	An Act providing for advance payments on account of taxes for the current year in certain cities and towns (1932, 94)	Mar. 25, 1932	–[11]	–
Mar. 30	Assistant Clerk, Worcester County Commissioners	An Act providing additional accommodations and facilities for the courts and county departments of Worcester county (1932, 98)	Mar. 29, 1932	–[3]	–
Mar. 31	Town Clerk, Great Barrington	An Act placing the office of chief of police of the town of Great Barrington under the civil service laws (1932, 42)	Mar. 21, 1932	1,238	364
Apr. 4	City Clerk, Everett	An Act subjecting the office of commissioner of soldiers' relief and state and military aid of the city of Everett to the civil service laws (1932, 92)	Mar. 29, 1932	–[4]	–
Apr. 4	City Clerk, Everett	An Act providing for advance payments on account of taxes for the current year in certain cities and towns (1932, 94)	Mar. 30, 1932	–[4]	–
Apr. 6	Town Clerk, Belmont	An Act relative to reserve police forces in certain towns (1930, 15)	Apr. 4, 1932	–[9]	–
Apr. 6	City Clerk, Lowell	An Act providing for advance payments on account of taxes for the current year in certain cities and towns (1932, 94)	Mar. 23, 1932	–[4]	–
Apr. 7	Board of Selectmen, Ware	An Act providing for advance payments on account of taxes for the current year in certain cities and towns (1932, 94)	Apr. 5, 1932	–[13]	–
Apr. 9	Clerk, Worcester County Commissioners	An Act authorizing the county of Worcester to borrow money for the purpose of funding temporary loans issued for construction of the Worcester county tuberculosis hospital (1932, 111)	Apr. 8, 1932	–[3]	–
Apr. 20	City Clerk, Medford	An Act providing for advance payments on account of taxes for the current year in certain cities and towns (1932, 94)	Apr. 14, 1932	–[14]	–
Apr. 27	Assistant City Clerk, Taunton	An Act providing for advance payments on account of taxes for the current year in certain cities and towns (1932, 94)	Apr. 18, 1932	–[4]	–
May 2	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the city of Boston to borrow money for the reconstruction of accepted streets not exceeding the unissued balance of the amount heretofore authorized to be borrowed for certain other street purposes (1932, 176)	Apr. 30, 1932	–[4]	–
May 3	City Clerk, Medford	An Act relative to pensions for firemen in certain cities (1930, 70)	Apr. 29, 1932	–[14]	–
May 14	Town Clerk, Braintree	An Act relative to reserve police forces in certain towns (1930, 15)	Apr. 11, 1932	–[1]	–

May 16	City Clerk, Medford	An Act providing for the establishment of reserve forces in the fire departments of cities (1928, 218)	May 13, 1932	–[14]	–
May 20	City Clerk, Woburn	An Act changing the date of the biennial municipal election in the city of Woburn (1932, 61)	May 11, 1932	–[4]	–
May 31	Clerk, Middlesex County Commissioners	An Act authorizing an appropriation by the county of Middlesex toward the reconstruction of a portion of Washington street in the city of Newton (1932, 142)	May 27, 1932	–[12]	–
June 11	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the city of Boston to borrow money for park purposes (1932, 203)	June 9, 1932	–[4]	–
June 15	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the reinstatement of Lucius Banks as a member of the police department of the city of Boston (1932, 277)	June 13, 1932	–[4]	–
June 21	City Clerk, Cambridge	An Act authorizing the reinstatement of Morris A. Skold as a member of the fire department of the city of Cambridge (1932, 291)	June 7, 1932	–[4]	–
June 22	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the city of Boston to construct the Huntington Avenue subway in said city (1932, 306)	June 21, 1932	–[2]	–
June 24	City Clerk, Leominster	An Act relative to the tenure of office of the superintendent of wires of the city of Leominster (1932, 66)	June 13, 1932	–[4]	–
July 6	Clerk, Dukes County Commissioners	An Act authorizing the county of Dukes County to borrow money for the purpose of contributing to the cost of construction of highways in the towns of Tisbury and Oak Bluffs (1932, 208)	July 2, 1932	–[15]	–
July 6	Clerk, Dukes County Commissioners	An Act authorizing the county of Dukes County to borrow money for the purpose of constructing a bridge over the outlet of Sengekontacket pond in the towns of Edgartown and Oak Buffs (1932, 219)	July 2, 1932	–[15]	–
July 6	Assistant Clerk, Middlesex County Commissioners	An Act authorizing the county of Middlesex to pay compensation for the death of John F. Weber, caused by an employee at the Walden Pond State reservation (1932, 137)	July 5, 1932	–[12]	–
July 6	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the city of Boston to pay a sum of money to the father of Guenivere B. Caverly (1932, 240)	July 5, 1932	–[4]	–
July 9	City Clerk, Taunton	An Act providing for advance payments on account of taxes for the current year in certain cities and towns (1932, 94)	Apr. 18, 1932	–[4]	–
Nov. 3	City Clerk, Springfield	An Act regulating the retirement and pensioning of certain members of the police forces of park boards of cities and towns (1932, 253)	Oct. 25, 1932	–[4]	–
Nov. 12	Town Clerk, Marion	An Act to abolish the commission of public works in the town of Marion (1932, 35)	Nov. 8, 1932	385	183
Nov. 16	City Clerk, Pittsfield	An Act to revise the charter of the city of Pittsfield (1932, 280)	Nov. 8, 1932	11,212	6,337
Nov. 22	Chairman, Board of Election Commissioners, Somerville	An Act establishing non-partisan municipal elections in the city of Somervile (1932, 281)	Nov. 8, 1932	17,615	9,080

[1]Accepted, affirmative and negative votes not returned.
[2]Accepted by the mayor and city council.
[3]Accepted by the county commissioners of Worcester County.
[4]Accepted by the city council.
[5]Rejected by the city council.
[6]Accepted by the county commissioners of Franklin County.
[7]Rejected by the board of aldermen.
[8]Accepted by the county commissioners of Berkshire County.
[9]Adopted by unanimous vote.
[10]Accepted by the county commissioners of Plymouth County.
[11]Accepted by the board of aldermen.
[12]Accepted by the county commissioners of Middlesex County.
[13]Accepted by the board of selectmen.
[14]Accepted by the mayor and board of aldermen.
[15]Accepted by the county commissioners of Dukes County.

Abstract of the Returns of the Sheriffs of the Several Counties of the Commonwealth for the Year ending September 30, 1932, in Compliance with General Laws, Chapter 37, Section 23

Counties	Amount of Money Received					Number of Days' Attendance			
	From County Treasurer	From All Other Sources	Total	For Fees in Civil Processes	For Fees in Criminal Processes	Upon the Court	Upon County Commissioners	Upon More than One Tribunal Simultaneously	Total.
Barnstable	$1,500 00	$820 00	$2,320 00	$303 36	–	41	–	–	41
Berkshire	2,100 00	–	2,100 00	–	–	34	6	–	40
Bristol	4,741 64	15,892 48	20,634 12	–	–	177	3	–	180
Dukes	508 00	255 32	763 32	246 87	$8 45	7	–	4	11
Essex	5,260 28	18,636 87	23,897 15	–	–	153	–	60	213
Franklin	2,700 00	360 00	3,060 00	–	–	49	–	–	49
Hampden	4,773 08	3,128 00	7,901 08	–	–	135	5	15	155
Hampshire	3,400 00[1]	1,280 00	4,680 00	–	–	67	12	–	79
Middlesex	5,100 00	27,476 62	32,576 62	–	–	1,843	–	192	2,035
Nantucket	953 29	355 00	1,308 29	–[2]	–[2]	11	–	–	11
Norfolk	4,000 00	9,357 12	13,357 12	–	–	166	–	86	252
Plymouth	4,592 80	6,475 00	11,067 80	–	–	176	49	35	260
Suffolk	3,000 00	42,024 60	45,024 60	–	–	3,344	–	–	3,344
Worcester	4,500 00	7,876 21	12,376 21	–	–	81	–	433	514
Total	$47,129 09	$133,937 22	$181,066 31	$550 23	$8 45	6,284	75	825	7,184

[1]Including refund on bond.

[2]Allowed to retain fees by statute.

ABSTRACT AND TABULAR STATEMENT OF THE RETURNS RELATIVE TO THE LAW, EQUITY, DIVORCE AND CRIMINAL BUSINESS OF THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1932, IN COMPLIANCE WITH GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 221, SECTION 24, AS AMENDED. (Naturalization Business not included.)

Counties	Civil Cases																							
	Number Pending at Beginning of Year			Number of New Cases Entered During the Year			Number Disposed of in Previous Years and Brought Forward This Year			Number Transferred from Law to Equity	Number Transferred from Equity to Law	Number Finally Disposed of				Number Pending at End of Year, Including Pending Inactive Cases				Number Tried during Year				Number of Equity Cases in which Issues were Tried to a Jury
												Law				Law				Law				
	Law	Equity	Divorce and Nullity	Law	Equity	Divorce and Nullity	Law	Equity	Divorce and Nullity			Jury	Without Jury	Equity	Divorce and Nullity	Jury	Without Jury	Equity	Divorce and Nullity	Jury	Without Jury	Equity	Divorce and Nullity	
Barnstable	384	50	2	227	22	–	–	–	–	–	–	156	39	18	2	311	105	54	–	19	6	–	–	–
Berkshire	578	145	2	306	35	–	–	–	–	–	1	262	71	40	–	467	85	140	2	23	10	11	–	–
Bristol	2,708	499	2	972	124	–	3	–	–	–	–	959	213	141	–	1,970	541	482	2	125	23	13	–	–
Dukes	70	13	7	21	2	–	–	–	–	–	–	14	18	2	–	31	28	13	7	4	–	1	–	–
Essex	6,535	735	5	3,099	236	–	–	–	1	2	–	2,572	465	253	3	5,773	824	720	3	231	56	33	–	–
Franklin	342	77	3	169	17	–	–	–	–	–	–	168	21	31	3	272	50	63	–	37	8	16	1	–
Hampden	4,409	759	328	2,252	207	2	–	–	–	–	–	1,771	540	229	118	3,520	830	737	212	229	57	27	19	–
Hampshire	454	86	6	236	16	1	–	–	–	–	–	221	54	26	3	337	78	76	4	53	1	–	1	1
Middlesex	12,700	1,416	26	5,728	489	1	14	2	–	1	1	5,070	802	462	10	10,980	1,591	1,446	17	524	153	21	1	–
Nantucket	24	3	–	43	3	–	–	–	–	–	–	5	8	–	–	27	27	6	–	–	–	–	–	5
Norfolk	3,823	357	11	1,582	102	–	2	–	–	1	1	1,182	221	106	4	3,195	810	354	7	99	21	17	–	–
Plymouth	1,734	294	110	717	74	71	–	1	1	–	1	634	122	81	75	1,442	254	288	107	52	9	25	60	–
Suffolk	34,481	5,551	84	16,209	1,846	6	123	1	–	9	21	13,066	2,243	1,855	49	30,176	5,349	5,552	41	966	335	398	10	12
Worcester	5,981	643	6	2,903	238	–	–	–	–	–	–	2,445	338	237	3	5,449	652	644	3	143	46	43	–	1
Total	74,223	10,628	592	34,464	3,411	81	142	4	2	13	25	28,525	5,155	3,481	270	63,950	11,224	10,575	405	2,505	725	605	92	19

ABSTRACT AND TABULAR STATEMENT OF THE RETURNS RELATIVE TO THE LAW, EQUITY, DIVORCE AND CRIMINAL BUSINESS OF THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1932, IN COMPLIANCE WITH GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 221, SECTION 24, AS AMENDED. (Naturalization Business not included.) — *Concluded.*

Counties	Civil Cases														Criminal Cases									
	Number Awaiting Trial at End of Year				Number Marked Inactive During the Year Under Rule of the Court				Number Marked Inactive at Any Time Pending at End of Year, and Subject to Dismissal under the Rule				Number of Days during which Court has Sat for Hearings or Trials		Number Remaining at First of Year	Number of Indictments Returned	Number of Appeal Cases	Number of Actions on Bail Bonds or Recognizances Entered	Number Disposed of in Previous Years, Brought Forward for Redisposition	Number Disposed of During Year	Number Remaining at End of Year	Number Tried During Year	Number Awaiting Trial at End of Year	Number of Days during which Court has Sat for Trials, Hearings or Dispositions
	Law				Law				Law															
	Jury	Without Jury	Equity	Divorce and Nullity	Jury	Without Jury	Equity	Divorce and Nullity	Jury	Without Jury	Equity	Divorce and Nullity	Jury	Without Jury										
Barnstable	303	103	54	–	7	2	–	–	37	41	20	–	22	3	63	55	77	–	–	139	56	17	45	19
Berkshire	346	37	49	–	–	–	–	–	85	30	29	2	31	18	73	31	89	3	–	123	73	6	42	21
Bristol	1,810	293	122	1	9	3	8	–	478	256	181	1	157	33	362	522	768	2	3	1,236	421	106	219	82
Dukes	–	–	–	–	13	11	4	1	4	6	3	1	[1]	[1]	19	7	10	–	–	11	25	5	–	[1]
Essex	5,721	813	691	3	8	3	3	–	1,227	326	275	3	295	72	107	647	1,192	34	144	1,930	194	264	179	164
Franklin	155	19	28	–	16	3	10	–	53	16	24	–	24	3	26	39	41	–	–	72	34	62	18	18
Hampden	3,491	824	732	201	5	2	3	2	690	287	289	160	194	75	163	239	235	13	1	514	137	78	137	48
Hampshire	288	67	41	3	–	–	–	–	53	37	29	3	34	1	112	79	129	31	35	288	98	65	29	45
Middlesex	10,735	1,535	1,377	15	21	5	4	–	2,232	578	481	12	559	165	460	1,810	1,450	5	118	3,091	752	655	649	361
Nantucket	28	28	4	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	3	7	3	15	27	–	14	38	7	38	6
Norfolk	3,155	801	349	6	11	1	3	–	709	189	118	5	130	27	384	274	435	1	67	824	337	103	302	83
Plymouth	1,381	246	242	69	120	27	20	8	185	111	107	23	86	23	285	307	427	15	72	749	357	92	162	88
Suffolk	27,410	4,308	4,262	27	70	24	12	–	5,057	1,628	1,719	22	1,369	804	495	1,950	5,106	52	403	6,682	1,324	1,729	1,180	871
Worcester	5,378	610	626	3	349	87	74	–	933	265	259	1	240	85	108	556	447	23	67	1,127	74	182	55	149
Total	60,201	9,684	8,577	328	629	168	141	11	11,743	3,770	3,534	233	3,142	1,312	2,664	6,519	10,421	206	910	16,800	3,920	3,371	3,055	1,955

[1] No separate sessions, Court sat during the year about three days for all business, civil and criminal.

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY, January 5, 1934.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:-

I have the honor to submit, in compliance with General Laws, (Tercentenary Edition) chapter 9, section 17, the annual report of the transactions of this office for the year ending November 30, 1933, the returns of the sheriffs of the several counties of money received by them, and of their attendance upon a court of record and the county commissioners; a report showing the aggregate vote, both affirmative and negative, on every act or part of an act which shall have been referred by the General Court for acceptance or rejection to the voters of the Commonwealth or any part thereof, or to the city council of any city, during the calendar year 1933; and a record of the work of this Department in respect of public records under chapter 66 of the General Laws.

There is also presented, in compliance with General Laws, (Tercentenary Editon) chapter 221, section 24, as amended, abstract and tabular statements of the returns of the clerks of the courts for the several counties and the clerks of the Superior Court for civil and for criminal business in Suffolk county; as to civil cases, the number of law, equity and divorce cases pending at the beginning of each year in the Superior Court for their respective counties, the number of cases of each class disposed of in previous years and brought forward this year, the number of law cases transferred to equity, and the number of equity cases transferred to law, the number of jury without jury, equity, and divorce cases disposed of during the year, the number of each of these four classes of cases pending at end of the year, the number of each of these classes of cases tried during the year (not including number in which issues were tried to a jury), the number of equity cases in which issues were tried to a jury, the number of jury, without jury, equity, and divorce cases awaiting trial at end of the year, the number of each of said classes of cases marked inactive during the year under rule of the court, and the number of each of said classes of cases marked inactive at any time, pending at end of year, and subject to dismissal under the rule, and the number of days during which court has sat for hearings or trials with jury and without jury; and, as to criminal cases, the number of such cases remaining at the first of each year in the superior court for their respective counties, the number of indictments returned during the year, the number of appealed cases entered during the year, the number of actions on bail bonds or recognizances entered, the number disposed of in previous years which have been brought forward for redisposition, the number of cases disposed of during the year, the number of cases remaining at end of the year, the number of cases tried during the year, the number awaiting trial at end of the year, and the number of days during which the court has sat in their respective counties for trials, hearings, or dispositions.

RECEIPTS

The following table shows in detail, receipts from fees, etc., all of which were paid into the treasury daily, and quarterly reports thereof made to the Governor and Council, as required by General Laws, (Tercentenary Edition) chapter 9, section 1:—

Commissions		$14,980.00
Corporation Certificates		369,805.87
Limited Partnerships		280.00
Labels, Trade-marks, etc.		5,275.00
Sale of Books, etc., 28,970.05 / 13.50		28,983.55
Certificates		2,386.00
Military Records		87.70
Copies:		
Corporations	$6,572.65	
Archives	4,552.15	
		11,124.80
Miscellaneous:		
Vital Statistics	$1,237.50	
Advance Sheets	512.00	
		1,749.50
		$434,672.42

Commissions

The number of commissions issued during the year ending November 30, 1933, was 3,412 (a decrease of 49 from the preceding year), of which 420 were without fee and 78 became void by reason of the failure of the appointees to take out the commissions or to qualify thereunder. The different classes were as follows:—

Notaries public	2,489
Justices of the peace	472
Justices of the peace to solemnize marriages	9
Justice, Superior Court	1
Judge of Probate and Insolvency	2
Justices and special justices, municipal and districts courts	11
Justices of the peace to issue warrants and take bail	8
Trial justices	3
Clerks, municipal and district courts	17
Register of Probate and Insolvency	1
District Attorney	1
Masters in chancery	15
Public administrators	22
Special State Police Officers	36
Trustees, commissioners, etc.	187
Public Warehousemen	60
Medical examiners	15
Associate medical examiners	17
Commissioners to qualify public officers	4
Commissioners in other states	1
Commissioners in foreign countries	2
Board of Excise, City of Chelsea	1
Fall River Board of Finance	1
Fall River Board of Police	2
Finance Commission, City of Boston	1
Chairman, Licensing Board, City of Boston	1
Supervisors of Elections, City of Chelsea	23
Supervisors of Elections, City of Boston	8
State Fire Marshal	1
Superintendent of Buildings	1
	3,412

Certificates to the number of 6,194 were issued, of which 1,422 were for certificates for which no fees are charged.

Corporation Division (Rooms 332 and 333)

The total number of certificates of incorporation issued under General Laws to new corporations for the fiscal year ending November 30, 1933,

was 2,999 — an increase of 272 as compared with the fiscal year ending November 30, 1932. They were classified as follows:—

Business corporations (under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 156, section 12)	2,547
Religious, charitable, social, educational, musical, athletic, etc., corporations (under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 180, section 3)	417
Fraternal beneficiary corporations (under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 176, section 9)	11
Churches, (under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 67, section 51)	10
Credit unions (under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 171, section 3)	10
Trust companies (under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 172, section 10)	3
Savings bank (under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 168, section 10)	1

The number of certificates of every description filed was 24,509 — an increase of 1,108 as compared with the fiscal year ending November 30, 1932. Of these, 2,547 were articles of organization of business corporations (under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 156, section 12); 417 were articles of organization of religious, charitable, social and other organizations (under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 180); 1,143 were amendments of Massachusetts business corporations (under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 156, sections 16, 17, 42-45); 17,081 were certificates of condition of Massachusetts corporations (under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 158, section 37 and chapter 156, section 47); 1,972 were certificates of condition of foreign corporations (under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 181, section 12); 773 were reports of social and athletic organizations (under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 180, section 26A), and the others were divided among 31 other classes.

There were issued 36 certificates of change of name of corporations (under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 155, section 10, and chapter 180, section 11).

Returns were received of the dissolution of 25 corporations by the Supreme Judicial and Superior Courts.

Under the act relating to the incorporation of clubs, charters were refused in 65 cases, 22 charters declared void, and 33 applications for incorporation withdrawn. Under the law relative to change of name of clubs, one such application was refused and one application withdrawn.

Limited partnership certificates to the number of 28 were filed.

3,071 certified copies of the records and certificates were supplied — an increase of 423 as compared with the fiscal year ending November 30, 1932.

Labels, Trade-marks, etc.

By General Laws, (Tercentenary Edition) chapter 110, section 8, which relates to the adoption and registration of labels, trade-marks, stamps and forms of advertisement, the duty is placed upon the Secretary of the Commonwealth of receiving and filing such labels, etc., and of issuing and recording certificates of record. Under this law, labels, trade-marks, stamps and forms of advertisement were received, and certificates of record issued and recorded in 199 cases.

Under General Laws, (Tercentenary Edition) chapter 110, section 8, which provides for the assignment of labels, trade-marks, stamps and forms of advertisement, 11 assignments were received, and certificates of registration issued.

Marks and Devices on Cans, etc.

By General Laws, (Tercentenary Edition) chapter 110, section 17, which provides for the protection of owners of cans, bottles, boxes, siphons and

fountains used in the sale of soda water, mineral and aerated waters, ale, beer, ginger ale or similar beverages, it is made the duty of the Secretary of the Commonwealth to receive and file descriptions of marks, devices, etc., and under this law three such descriptions were received and filed. Under General Laws, (Tercentenary Edition) chapter 110, section 21, which provides for the protection of dealers and consumers against the unlawful use and destruction of milk and ice cream cans, jugs, bottles, jars, tubs or cabinets, nine descriptions of marks, devices, etc., were received and filed.

Vital Statistics Division (Room 334)

Under the provisions of General Laws, (Tercentenary Edition) chapter 46, section 17, returns of births and marriages from 355 cities and towns and births from the State Infirmary at Tewksbury for the year 1932, which were received in 1933, cover 68,518 births and 22,817 marriages, a decrease of 867 births and a decrease of 3,479 marriages, as compared with the returns of 1931.

Under the provisions of the same law 49,531 certified copies of records of deaths were received, covering a period from January 1, 1932 to December 31, 1932, an increase of 788 as compared with the returns of 1931.

Medical examiners' returns for 1932 cover 8,377, an increase of 349 as compared with the returns for 1931.

Returns by clerks of courts and registers of probate of the decrees of divorce for 1932 number 4,095, a decrease of 208 as compared with the returns for 1931.

These figures are fully compiled and analyzed in the annual registration report for 1932 (Public Document No. 1), and were available August 2, 1933.

During the year 2,918 certificates of birth, 1,437 certificates of marriage and 966 certificates of death were issued, a total of 5,321. Of these 2,774 were certified abstracts given for Soldiers' Relief and United States Government war claims. There were 16,824 requests for records. Fees received from these certificates amounted to $1,237.50.

6,972 card abstracts of birth records for school, employment and enlistment purposes were issued without charge.

There were 3,854 delayed records of birth and corrections of birth records received; 146 corrections of marriage and 61 corrections of death records were also received.

Changes of Names of Persons

The returns of 1,079 names, changed in 1932 as decreed by the several probate courts, were received and filed in compliance with the requirements of General Laws, (Tercentenary Edition) chapter 210, section 12.

Archives Division (Room 438)

There have been made during the fiscal year 82 military certificates, 11 typewritten copies, and 19,618 photostatic copies of legislative records and files, maps, corporation records, finger prints, etc.

The following fees have been received: military certificates, $87.70; typewritten copies, $12.00; photostatic copies, $4,540.15, totalling $4,639.85.

No volumes of Vital Records were purchased during the year, the usual annual appropriation for the purpose having been omitted.

Public Document Division (Room 118)

During the year 1933 the following publications were received for distribution through the Public Document Division: 64,380 volumes of the Public Document Series, representing 73 reports of the several state departments, boards and commissions: 10,000 copies of the 1933 pamphlet edition of the session laws; 8,500 copies of the 1933 bound edition of the session laws commonly called the Blue Book; 600 copies each of the Senate and House Journals, 1933, total 1,200 copies (from the Sergeant-at-Arms); 454 copies each of the Massachusetts Reports, Nos. 278 and 279, total 908 copies; 410 copies each of the Massachusetts Reports, Nos. 280

and 281, total 820 copies; 557 copies of the Proceedings of the Sixty-seventh Annual Encampment, Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Massachusetts, 1933; 600 copies of the Proceedings of the Thirty-Third Annual Encampment, United Spanish War Veterans, Department of Massachusetts, 1932; 1,405 copies of the Proceedings of the Fourteenth Annual Convention, The American Legion, Department of Mssachusetts, 1932; 800 copies of the Proceedings of the Twelfth Annual Encampment, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Massachusetts, 1932; 51 copies of the 1932 report of the Finance Commission for the City of Lowell, which copies were received from the above commission; 197 copies of the 1932 report of the Fall River Board of Finance, which copies were received from the above board; 269 copies of the General Laws Relating to Corporations, 1931, which copies were received from the Department of Corporations and Taxation; 10,300 copies of the Manual for the Instruction of Applicants for the Police Service of Cities and Towns in Massachusetts; 2,000 copies of the Masachusetts Soldiers, Sailors and Marines in the Civil War, Vol. 6; 530 copies of the Proceedngs of the Electoral College of Massachusetts, 1933; 10,500 copies of the Manual for the General Court, 1933-34; 7,500 copies of the Index to the Tercentenary Edition of The General Laws of Massachusetts, 1931; 10,220 copies of the Manual of Fire Department Equipment and Practice; 5,773 copies of the Manual compiled by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission, 1933, which copies were received from the above Commission; making a grand total of 136,510 volumes that have passed through this division during the year.

Division of Public Records (Room 252)

Inspections

Under the provisions of General Laws, (Tercentenary Edition) chapter 66, section 1, there have been made by the Supervisor of Records during the year 1933 inspections of the care, custody, condition and protection against fires of the public records of the departments and offices of the counties, cities and towns as follows:—

Acton, Acushnet, Adams, Agawam, Amesbury, Amherst, Andover, Ashburnham, Ashby, Ashfield, Athol, Ayer, Barnstable, Becket, Belchertown, Berkley, Billerica, Bourne, Boxborough, Boylston, Brewster, Brimfield, Brookfield, Brookline, Cambridge, Carlisle, Carver, Charlton, Chelmsford, Cheshire, Chicopee, Chilmark, Clarksburg, Clinton, Colrain, Concord, Conway, Dalton, Dartmouth, Dennis, Dighton, Douglas, Dover, Dudley, Dunstable, East Brookfield, East Longmeadow, Easthampton, Edgartown, Erving, Fairhaven, Fall River, Freetown, Gardner, Gay Head, Georgetown, Gloucester, Greenfield, Groton, Groveland, Hamilton, Hancock, Harvard, Hatfield, Haverhill, Heath, Hinsdale, Holden, Holland, Holyoke, Hudson, Hull, Ipswich, Lakeville, Lanesborough, Lee, Leicester, Leverett, Leyden, Lincoln, Longmeadow, Lowell, Ludlow, Lynn, Manchester, Marion, Marlborough, Mattapoisett, Maynard, Medfield, Merrimac, Middleborough, Milford, Millbury, Montague, Nantucket, Natick, New Ashford, New Bedford, New Braintree, Newton, North Adams, North Andover, North Brookfield, Northampton, Northfield, Oak Bluffs, Oakham, Orange, Otis, Oxford, Paxton, Pepperell, Peru, Phillipston, Pittsfield, Reading, Rehoboth, Rochester, Rockport, Rowe, Royalston, Rutland, Salisbury, Sandwich, Savoy, Seekonk, Sherborn, Shutesbury, Somerset, Somerville, Southampton, Southwick, Spencer, Sterling, Stockbridge, Stow, Sudbury, Sunderland, Sutton, Swansea, Templeton, Tewksbury, Tisbury, Townsend, Tyngsborough, Wales, Wareham, Warren, Washington, Webster, Wenham, West Boylston, West Bridgewater, West Brookfield, West Newbury, West Springfield, West Tisbury, Westfield, Westford, Westhampton, Westport, Whately, Wilbraham, Williamstown, Winchendon, Windsor, Woburn, Yarmouth.

During the year 2 vaults and 3 safes have been approved by this office.

Fires

An early morning fire February 7, 1933, totally destroyed the Town Hall at Leicester, some law books and cards were blackened by smoke. The vault and safes which contained the town records preserved their contents intact.

On the afternoon of June 1, 1933, fire broke out in the Lincoln Annex of the Worcester State Hospital, all records were removed by nurses to a place of safety.

Town Halls

The Town offices at Medway have been moved to their new building.

The Town offices at Leicester have been moved to their new quarters at the Public Library.

Hall of Records

Hampden County is constructing a new vault in the basement of the Hall of Records at Springfield for storage.

Repairing and Binding

Records have been repaired and rebound during the year for the City of Worcester; towns of Bedford, Duxbury, Paxton, Raynham, Rockport, Webster, Clerk of the Courts at Barnstable; Registries of Deeds at Lowell, Plymouth and Taunton; Registries of Probate at Plymouth and Taunton.

Typewriter Ribbons and Stamping Pads

A number of typewriter ribbons are now being tested and if approved will be published in our next list.

Legislative Counsel and Agents' Expenses (1933)

In compliance with General Laws, (Tercentenary Edition) chapter 3, sections 39 to 50 inclusive, relative to legislative counsel and agents' expenses incurred or paid in connection with promoting or opposing legislation during the last regular session of the General Court, there were 249 entries made in the dockets, an increase of 40 as compared with 1932. Four of said entries were afterwards cancelled.

Returns covering 242 entries were received from persons, associations or corporations employing legislative counsel and agents. Three employers who failed to file returns within the time prescribed by law were reported to the Attorney-General, and later filed returns. Three returns which appeared not to conform to law were reported to the Attorney-General and corrected returns were subsequently filed.

The total amount reported as paid to legislative counsel and agents was $102,418.45. In addition to this amount $24,113.33 representing annual salaries or retainers apportioned, and $19,686.32 unapportioned, was reported. Twenty-one employers stated that they paid nothing.

Proclamations

The proclamations of His Excellency the Governor were printed and distributed under the direction of this office. For the observance of each of the following 11,000 copies were distributed to churches, schools, institutions, patriotic societies, postmasters and city and town clerks: — Lincoln Day, February 12, 1933; Spanish War Memorial Day and Maine Memorial Day, February 15, 1933; Boston Massacre, March 5, 1933; Flag Day, June 14, 1933; Bunker Hill Day, June 17, 1933; Pulaski Day, October 11, 1933 and Armistice Day, November 11, 1933. 10,200 copies of the Arbor and Bird Day proclamations were mailed to churches, schools, granges, agricultural societies, institutions, postmasters and city and town clerks, and in observance of Thanksgiving Day 10,000 copies of the Governor's proclamation were sent to churches, schools, postmasters and city and town clerks.

In addition to the above, a proclamation was also issued by His Excellency the Governor on March 1, 1933 relative to memorial exercises commemorating the memory of Ex-President Calvin Coolidge, and 4,450 copies were mailed to the schools. Fire Prevention Week was designated to include the week of October 8, 1933, and 6,650 copies of the Governor's proclamation were distributed to the fire chiefs of the Commonwealth for churches, schools and post offices.

A proclamation was also issued for calling together the members of the General Court on November 8, 1933, to take action on matters relating to the control of the liquor traffic in anticipation of the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, 900 copies of which were mailed to members of the General Court and city and town clerks.

His Excellency the Governor also issued a proclamation relative to the opening of the Department for Female Drug Addicts at the Reformatory for Women at Framingham and 1,000 copies were printed and mailed to the justices of the Supreme Judicial, Superior and District Courts, institutions under the general supervision of the Department of Correction and city and town clerks.

In observance of Conservation Week, April 3 to 7, 1933, Humane Sunday, April 23, 1933 and "Be Kind to Animals Week", April 17 to 22, 1933, proclamations were issued by His Excellency the Governor to the press.

Pardons, Commutations, Respites, Requisitions, etc.

The number of pardons made out and issued during the year was 35, of which 24 were granted under parole conditions, and 11 full and complete; commutations, 8; respites, 8; requisitions upon other States, 107; upon the Secretary of the Navy of the United States, 1; upon the Secretary of State of the United States for extradition requests upon foreign countries, 2; upon the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, 2; and warrants issued upon requisitions from other States, 30.

Rules and Regulations of State Departments

By General Laws, (Tercentenary Edition) chapter 30, section 37, certain rules and regulations of departments, commissions, boards of officials vested by law with the power to make and issue rules and regulations general in scope, and to be observed or performed under penalty for the violation thereof, shall not take effect until attested copies thereof have been filed with the Secretary of the Commonwealth. Under this law rules and regulations were filed by the following departments during the year 1933: Department of Banking and Insurance, Department of Civil Service and Registration, Department of Conservation, Department of Labor and Industries, Department of Public Health, Department of Public Safety, Department of Public Utilities, Department of Public Works and Board of Tax Appeals.

Miscellaneous

The two reports from this office which form a part of the Public Document series, namely, Returns of Births, Marriages, Divorces and Deaths (Public Document No. 1) and Returns of Assessed Polls, Registered Voters and Persons who voted, etc. (Public Document No. 43) have been made, as required by law.

Frederic W. Cook,
Secretary of the Commonwealth

Returns from Cities and Towns Relative to Action taken under certain Provisions of the General Laws
(Tercentenary Edition)

When Received	City or Town	Subject and Reference	Action	Date of Action
1932				
Dec. 1	Springfield	Licensing of open-air parking spaces, 1930, 399 (G. L. 148, s. 56)	Accepted	Nov. 28, 1932
Dec. 16	Somerville	Licensing of open-air parking spaces, 1930, 399 (G. L. 148, s. 56)	Accepted	Dec. 2, 1932
Dec. 16	Somerville	Retirement rights of certain army nurses in public service, 1930, 161 (G. L. 32, s. 60)	Accepted	Dec. 2, 1932
1933				
Jan. 17	Windsor	Use of official ballots, G. L. 41, s. 6	Accepted	Feb. 1, 1932
Jan. 20	Somerset	Use of official ballots, G. L. 41, s. 6	Accepted	Mar. 14, 1932
Jan. 24	Ashby	Use of official ballots, G. L. 41, s. 6	Accepted	May 28, 1932
Mar. 20	Sharon	Civil service for police and chief of police, G. L. 31, ss. 48 and 49	Accepted	Mar. 13, 1933
Mar. 20	Stoneham	Certain sports and games on the Lord's day, G. L. 136, ss. 21-25	Accepted	Mar. 13, 1933
Mar. 21	Weymouth	Civil service for regular and call firemen, G. L. 31, s. 48	Accepted	Mar. 9, 1933
Apr. 8	Milton	Fees of town clerks, G. L. 46, s. 26	Accepted	Mar. 11, 1933
Apr. 14	Medford	Pensions to foremen, inspectors, etc., 1920, 179	Accepted	Apr. 11, 1933
Apr. 20	Kingston	Sunday sales, G. L. 136, s. 7	Accepted	Mar. 11, 1933
May 16	Pittsfield	Collection of water rates, G. L. 40, ss. 42A–42F	Accepted	Apr. 28, 1933
July 7	Auburn	Certain sports and games on the Lord's day, G. L. 136, ss. 21–25	Accepted	June 12, 1933
Aug. 24	Lowell	Disposition of burnt or dangerous buildings, G. L. 139, ss. 1, 2 and 3	Accepted	Aug. 21, 1933
Aug. 24	Lowell	Inspection of buildings, G. L. 143, ss. 6–12	Accepted	Aug. 21, 1933
Aug. 26	Peabody	Board of survey, G. L. 41, s. 73	Accepted	Aug. 24, 1933

Returns relative to the Acceptance or Rejection of Certain Special Acts passed by the General Court and Referred to the Voters, to the City Council of a City, to the Selectmen of a Town, or the County Commissioners of a County

When Received	From Whom Received	Title of Act	Date of Action	Vote	
				Yes	No
1932					
Dec. 22	City Clerk, Holyoke	An Act providing that the financial year for the city of Holyoke shall be the calendar year (1932, 140)	Dec. 6, 1932	6,002	8,567
Dec. 29	City Clerk, Medford	An Act relative to the police force of the city of Medford (1932, 237)	Dec. 6, 1932	–[1]	–
1933					
Jan. 24	City Clerk, Malden	An Act to permit certain sports and games on the Lord's day (1928, 406)	Jan. 17, 1933	–[2]	–
Feb. 2	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the city of Boston to pay a sum of money to the mother of David McDonald who was killed by a police officer of said city (1932, 226)	June 22, 1932	–	–[3]
Feb. 4	City Clerk, Salem	An Act authorizing the establishment of a public golf course in Highland Park in the city of Salem (1932, 267)	July 6, 1932	–[4]	–
Feb. 4	Clerk, Barnstable County Commissioners	An Act providing for additional improvements at the Barnstable County Sanatorium (1932, 31)	Apr. 7, 1932	–[5]	–
Mar. 15	Clerk, Dukes County Commissioners	An Act authorizing the county of Dukes County to borrow money for the purpose of contributing to the cost of construction of a highway in the town of Oak Bluffs (1933, 34)	Mar. 14, 1933	–[6]	–
Mar. 27	Assistant Clerk, Middlesex County Commissioners	An Act to enable the Middlesex county commissioners to acquire more land for the purposes of the Middlesex county training school at Chelmsford in said county (1933, 56)	Mar. 21, 1933	–[7]	–
Mar. 29	Town Clerk, Plymouth	An Act authorizing the town of Plymouth, by its board of health, to operate and maintain a piggery in connection with the disposal of garbage (1933, 84)	Mar. 25, 1933	–[8]	–
Mar. 30	Town Clerk, Webster	An Act establishing in the town of Webster representative town government by limited town meetings (1933, 13)	Mar. 27, 1933	1,202	1,267
Apr. 1	Clerk, Plymouth County Commissioners	An Act authorizing the county commissioners of the county of Plymouth to lease to the town of Plymouth certain property (1933, 85)	Mar. 28, 1933	–[9]	–
Apr. 10	Chairman, Barnstable County Commissioners	An Act establishing the salaries of the justice and clerk of the first district court of Barnstable (1932, 269)	Sept. 1, 1932	–[5]	–
Apr. 12	Town Clerk, Lexington	An Act authorizing the dissolution of the Trustees of the Lexington Minsterial Fund and the distribution of its property (1933, 12)	Mar. 20, 1933	–[8]	–
Apr. 14	City Clerk, Medford	An Act providing for advance payments on account of taxes for the years nineteen hundred and thirty-three and nineteen hundred andthirty-four in certain cities and towns (1933, 99)	Apr. 11, 1933	–[1]	–
Apr. 18	City Clerk, New Bedford	An Act providing for advance payments on account of taxes for the years nineteen hundred and thirty-three and nineteen hundred and thirty-four in certain cities and towns (1933, 99)	Apr. 14, 1933	–[1]	–
Apr. 21	City Clerk, Lowell	An Act providing for advance payments on account of taxes for the years nineteen hundred and thirty-three and nineteen hundred and thirty-four in certain cities and towns (1933, 99)	Apr. 6, 1933	–[2]	–
Apr. 24	City Clerk, Marlborough	An Act providing for advance payments on account of taxes for the years nineteen hundred and thirty-three and nineteen hundred and thirty-four in certain cities and towns (1933, 99)	Apr. 11, 1933	–[2]	–

May 2	City Clerk, Revere	An Act providing for advance payments on account of taxes for the years nineteen hundred and thirty-three and nineteen hundred and thirty-four in certain cities and towns (1933, 99)	Apr. 27, 1933	–[2]	–
May 2	City Clerk, Woburn	An Act providing for advance payments on account of taxes for the years nineteen hundred and thirty-three and nineteen hundred and thirty-four in certain cities and towns (1933, 99)	Apr. 25, 1933	–[2]	–
May 5	City Clerk, Worcester	An Act providing for advance payments on account of taxes for the years nineteen hundred and thirty-three and nineteen hundred and thirty-four in certain cities and towns (1933, 99)	May 3, 1933	–[2]	–
May 6	City Clerk, Malden	An Act providing for advance payments on account of taxes for the years nineteen hundred and thirty-three and nineteen hundred and thirty-four in certain cities and towns (1933, 99)	May 4, 1933	–[1]	–
May 8	City Clerk, Taunton	An Act providing for advance payments on account of taxes for the years nineteen hundred and thirty-three and nineteen hundred and thirty-four in certain cities and towns (1933, 99)	May 3, 1933	–[10]	–
May 10	C ty Cerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the city of Boston to compensate certain persons for damage to their property by the explosion of dynamite used in connection with sewer construction (1933, 138)	May 9, 1933	–[2]	–
May 10	City Clerk, Northampton	An Act providing for advance payments on account of taxes for the years nineteen hundred and thirty-three and nineteen hundred and thirty-four in certain cities and towns (1933, 99)	May 4, 1933	–[2]	–
May 12	City Clerk, Newburyport	An Act authorizing the city of Newburyport to pay a certain claim legally unenforceable by reason of its failure to comply with certain provisions of its charter (1933, 123)	May 5, 1933	–[2]	–
May 16	City Clerk, Pittsfield	An Act providing for advance payments on account of taxes for the years nineteen hundred and thirty-three and nineteen hundred and thirty-four in certain cities and towns (1933, 99)	May 12, 1933	–[2]	–
May 25	Assistant City Clerk, Springfield	An Act providing for advance payments on account of taxes for the years nineteen hundred and thirty-three and nineteen hundred and thirty-four in certain cities and towns (1933, 99)	May 1, 1933	–[2]	–
May 25	Clerk, Board of Directors, Dennison Manufacturing Company	An Act authorizing the purchase by the armory commissioners of certain property in the town of Natick for military purposes (1933, 205)	May 23, 1933	–[11]	–
June 8	City Clerk, North Adams	An Act providing for advance payments on account of taxes for the years nineteen hundred and thirty-three and nineteen hundred and thirty-four in certain cities and towns (1933, 99)	June 7, 1933	–[2]	–
June 12	City Clerk, Somerville	An Act subjecting the office of commissioner of soldiers' relief and state and military aid of the city of Somerville to the civil service laws (1933, 249)	June 8, 1933	–[1]	–
June 24	City Clerk, Malden	An Act relative to the indemnification or protection of officers and employees of the commonwealth, the several counties and the cities and towns for damages sustained on account of the operation of publicly owned motor vehicles (1931, 458, s. 4)	June 23, 1933	–[1]	–
July 7	Town Clerk, Auburn	An Act providing for advance payments on account of taxes for the years nineteen hundred and thirty-three and nineteen hundred and thirty-four in certain cities and towns (1933, 99)	June 12, 1933	–[12]	–
July 11	Acting Clerk, Board of Selectmen, Wakefield	An Act annexing a part of the town of Saugus to the town of Wakefield (1933, 298)	July 11, 1933	–[13]	–

RETURNS RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF CERTAIN SPECIAL ACTS PASSED BY THE GENERAL COURT AND REFERRED TO THE VOTERS, TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF A CITY, TO THE SELECTMEN OF A TOWN, OR THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF A COUNTY —*Concluded*

When Received	From Whom Received	Title of Act	Date of Action	Vote	
				Yes	No
1933					
July 14	Clerk, First Baptist Church, Lexington	An Act authorizing the dissolution of the trustees of the Lexington Ministerial Fund and the distribution of its property (1933, 12)	May 19, 1933	-14	-
July 14	Clerk, Eastern Massachusetts Street Railway Company	An Act extending the period of public control and management of the Eastern Massachusetts Street Railway Company (1933, 108)	May 31, 1933	-15	-
July 22	City Clerk, Somerville	An Act relative to certain retirement allowances payable to certain employees of the city of Somerville, (1933, 222)	July 13, 1933	-1	-
Aug. 5	Town Clerk, South Hadley	An Act to erect and constitute in the town of South Hadley representative town government by limited town meetings (1933, 45)	Mar. 20, 1933	1,254	589
Aug. 9	City Clerk, Boston	An Act enabling cities and towns and fire, water, light and improvement districts to secure the benefits provided by the National Industrial Recovery Act (1933, 366, Part 2)	Aug. 8, 1933	-16	-
Aug. 14	Chairman, Board of Directors, Boston Elevated Railway Company	An Act enabling cities and towns and fire, water, light and improvement districts to secure the benefits provided by the National Industrial Recovery Act (1933, 366, Part 2)	Aug. 10, 1933	-17	-
Aug. 23	City Clerk, Fall River	An Act providing for the repair of the Slade's Ferry bridge, so called, over the Taunton River between the city of Fall River and the town of Somerset (1933, 358)	July 28, 1933	-2	-
Aug. 23	Assistant Clerk, Plymouth County Commissioners	An Act providing for the extension and repair of certain sea walls and other shore protection in the town of Scituate (1933, 286)	Aug. 8, 1933	-9	-
Aug. 23	Clerk, Plymouth County Commissioners	An Act providing for the placing of riprap for the protection of the shore at Stony Beach in the town of Hull (1933, 330)	Aug. 8, 1933	-9	-
Aug. 25	Town Clerk, Swansea	An Act providing for the repair of the Slade's Ferry bridge, so called, over the Taunton River between the city of Fall River and the town of Somerset (1933, 358)	Aug. 12, 1933	-18	-
Sept. 20	Town Clerk, Somerset	An Act providing for the repair of the Slade's Ferry bridge, so-called, over the Taunton river between the city of Fall River and the town of Somerset (1933, 358)	Aug. 4, 1933	-19	-
Sept. 25	Secretary, Board of Selectmen, Saugus	An Act annexing a part of the town of Saugus to the town of Wakefield (1933, 298)	Sept. 18, 1933	-20	-
Oct. 7	City Clerk, Westfield	An Act providing for absent voting at regular city elections (1933, 313)	Oct. 5, 1933	-2	-
Oct. 7	Secretary, Associated Jewish Philanthropies, Inc.	An Act empowering the United Hebrew Benevolent Association of Boston to transfer its property to the Associated Jewish Philanthropies, Inc. (1933, 22)	Oct. 2, 193	-21	-
Oct. 7	Secretary, Associated Jewish Philanthropies, Inc.	An Act empowering the Leopold Morse Home for Infirm Hebrews and Orphanage to transfer its property to the Associated Jewish Philanthropies, Inc. (1933, 53)	Oct. 2, 1933	-21	-
Nov. 1	Town Clerk, Brookline	An Act providing retirement allowances and disability and death benefits based on annuity and pension contributions for employees of the town of Brookline (1933, 299)	Sept. 12, 1933	-12	-
Nov. 10	City Clerk, Newton	An Act relative to the indemnification or protection of officers and employees of the Commonwealth, the several counties and the cities and towns for damages sustained on account of the operation of publicly owned motor vehicles (1931, 458)	Nov. 8, 1933	-1	-

Nov. 14	Clerk, Follen Church, Lexington	An Act authorizing the dissolution of the Trustees of the Lexington Ministerial Fund and the distribution of its property (1933, 12)	Nov. 1, 1933	–[22]	–
Nov. 17	City Clerk, Everett	An Act placing the office of chief of the fire department of the city of Everett under the civil service laws (1933, 86)	Nov. 7, 1933	7,206	2,453
Nov. 17	City Clerk, Everett	An Act providing retirement allowances based on annuity and pension contributions for employees of the city of Everett (1933, 223)	Nov. 7, 1933	7,560	2,172

[1]Accepted by the board of aldermen.
[2]Accepted by the city council.
[3]Rejected by the city council.
[4]Accepted by the board of park commissioners of Salem.
[5]Accepted by the county commissioners of Barnstable County.
[6]Accepted by the county commissioners of Dukes County.
[7]Accepted by the county commissioners of Middlesex County.
[8]Accepted, affirmative and negative votes not returned.
[9]Accepted by the county commissioners of Plymouth County.
[10]Accepted by the municipal council.
[11]Accepted by the Dennison Manufacturing Company.
[12]Adopted by unanimous vote.
[13]Accepted by the board of selectmen of Wakefield.
[14]Accepted by The First Baptist Church of Lexington.
[15]Accepted by the stockholders of the Eastern Massachusetts Street Railway Company.
[16]Accepted by the mayor and city council.
[17]Accepted by the board of directors of the Boston Elevated Railway Company.
[18]Accepted by the board of selectmen of Swansea.
[19]Accepted by the board of selectmen of Somerset.
[20]Accepted by the board of selectmen of Saugus.
[21]Accepted by the board of directors of Associated Jewish Philanthropies, Inc.
[22]Accepted by the Follen Church of Lexington.

Abstract of the Returns of the Sheriffs of the Several Counties of the Commonwealth for the Year ending September 30, 1933, in Compliance with General Laws, (Tercentenary Edition) Chapter 37 Section 23

Counties	Amount of Money Received					Number of Days' Attendance			
	From County Treasurer	From All Other Sources	Total	For Fees in Civil Processes	For Fees in Criminal Processes	Upon the Court	Upon County Commissioners	Upon More than One Tribunal Simultaneously	Total
Barnstable	$1,894 44	–	$1,894 44	–	–	34	–	–	34
Berkshire	2,505 71	$535 00	3,040 71	–	–	37	9	4	50
Bristol	3,024 16	6,735 00	9,759 16	–	–	126	3	–	129
Dukes	609 45	291 00	900 45	$291 00	–	5	–	–	5
Essex	4,312 50	14,623 30	18,935 80	–	–	226	15	96	337
Franklin	2,587 50	395 00	2,982 50	–	–	55	–	–	55
Hampden	3,245 18	2,865 78	6,110 96	–	–	159	40	43	242
Hampshire	3,337 86	660 00	3,997 86	–	–	72	15	4	91
Middlesex	4,887 50	10,606 59	15,494 09	–	–	1,719	–	200	1,919
Nantucket	1,056 55	15 00	1,071 55	–[1]	–[1]	13	–	–	13
Norfolk	3,737 50	3,736 00	7,473 50	–	–	183	–	49	232
Plymouth	4,190 03	4,335 00	8,525 03	–	–	157	43	29	229
Suffolk	3,000 00	28,649 56	31,649 56	–	–	3,385	–	–	3,385
Worcester	4,350 03	16,120 79	20,470 82	–	–	453	35	50	538
Total	$42,738 41	$89,568 02	$132,306 43	$291 00	–	6,624	160	475	7,259

[1]Allowed to retain fees by statute.

ABSTRACT AND TABULAR STATEMENT OF THE RETURNS RELATIVE TO THE LAW, EQUITY, DIVORCE AND CRIMINAL BUSINESS OF THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1933, IN COMPLIANCE WITH GENERAL LAWS, (TERCENTENARY EDITION) CHAPTER 221, SECTION 24, AS AMENDED. (Naturalization Business not included.)

Counties	Civil Cases																								
	Number Pending at Beginning of Year			Number of New Cases Entered During the Year			Number Disposed of in Previous Years and Brought Forward This Year			Number Transferred from Law to Equity	Number Transferred from Equity to Law	Number Finally Disposed of				Number Pending at End of Year, Including Pending Inactive Cases				Number Tried during Year				Number of Equity Cases in which Issues were Tried to a Jury
												Law				Law				Law				
	Law	Equity	Divorce and Nullity	Law	Equity	Divorce and Nullity	Law	Equity	Divorce and Nullity			Jury	Without Jury	Equity	Divorce and Nullity	Jury	Without Jury	Equity	Divorce and Nullity	Jury	Without Jury	Equity	Divorce and Nullity	
Barnstable	416	54	–	171	14	–	–	–	–	1	–	153	39	11	–	304	91	58	–	29	8	2	–	–
Berkshire	552	137	2	287	33	–	1	–	–	–	–	216	54	35	1	472	98	135	1	38	14	9	–	–
Bristol	2,511	482	2	915	109	–	4	–	–	1	–	858	250	143	–	1,827	495	449	2	104	84	10	–	–
Dukes	59	13	7	13	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	10	6	3	–	32	24	11	7	5	1	1	–	–
Essex	6,597	720	3	2,663	279	–	–	–	–	1	2	2,365	340	213	–	5,704	853	787	3	152	118	48	–	1
Franklin	322	63	–	134	19	–	–	–	–	–	–	120	12	14	–	270	54	68	–	23	3	5	–	–
Hampden	4,350	737	212	2,093	213	7	–	–	–	1	–	1,664	407	227	75	3,619	753	723	144	229	43	31	7	1
Hampshire	415	76	4	248	27	1	–	–	1	–	–	189	42	25	2	370	62	78	4	32	1	–	1	1
Middlesex	12,571	1,446	17	4,867	531	3	4	2	–	7	4	4,735	784	539	7	10,636	1,291	1,447	13	360	221	52	2	–
Nantucket	54	6	–	45	2	–	–	–	–	–	–	7	16	1	–	41	35	7	–	41	35	7	–	–
Norfolk	4,005	354	7	1,454	120	2	1	–	–	1	–	1,182	166	96	5	3,316	796	379	4	48	45	11	–	–
Plymouth	1,696	288	107	582	74	52	–	–	–	1	1	641	94	80	71	1,330	214	283	88	93	6	5	51	2
Suffolk	35,525	5,552	41	12,210	1,883	2	141	–	–	4	20	12,969	2,023	1,678	19	27,747	5,157	5,761	24	787	695	400	2	7
Worcester	6,101	644	3	2,905	231	–	–	–	–	–	–	2,627	295	232	1	5,489	595	643	2	139	45	25	–	–
Total	75,174	10,572	405	28,587	3,536	67	151	2	1	17	27	27,736	4,528	3,297	181	61,157	10,518	10,829	292	2,080	1,319	606	63	12

ABSTRACT AND TABULAR STATEMENT OF THE RETURNS RELATIVE TO THE LAW, EQUITY, DIVORCE AND CRIMINAL BUSINESS OF THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1933, IN COMPLIANCE WITH GENERAL LAWS, (TERCENTENARY EDITION) CHAPTER 221, SECTION 24, AS AMENDED. (Naturalization Business not included.) — *Concluded.*

Counties	Civil Cases												Criminal Cases											
	Number Awaiting Trial at End of Year				Number Marked Inactive During the Year Under Rule of the Court				Number Marked Inactive at Any Time Pending at End of Year, and Subject to Dismissal under the Rule				Number of Days during which Court has Sat for Hearings or Trials		Number Remaining at First of Year	Number of Indictments Returned	Number of Appeal Cases	Number of Actions on Bail Bonds or Recognizances Entered	Number Disposed of in Previous Years, Brought Forward for Redisposition	Number Disposed of During Year	Number Remaining at End of Year	Number Tried During Year	Number Awaiting Trial at End of Year	Number of Days during which Court has Sat for Trials, Hearings or Dispositions
	Law				Law				Law															
	Jury	Without Jury	Equity	Divorce and Nullity	Jury	Without Jury	Equity	Divorce and Nullity	Jury	Without Jury	Equity	Divorce and Nullity	Jury	Without Jury										
Barnstable	294	89	57	–	34	12	4	–	74	47	20	–	18	3	56	79	69	–	–	152	52	21	41	26
Berkshire	439	76	77	–	31	10	17	–	79	29	32	1	48	15	73	47	68	–	–	123	65	16	47	17
Bristol	1,643	252	117	2	147	58	68	–	466	222	172	–	128	55	421	550	799	11	4	1,321	464	124	187	71
Dukes	–	–	–	–	4	2	2	–	17	13	6	1	[1]	[1]	25	2	3	–	–	5	25	4	–	[2]4
Essex	5,661	823	749	3	449	108	207	–	1,245	314	281	3	230	104	194	649	1,192	7	85	1,992	135	251	119	157
Franklin	161	17	18	–	17	9	2	–	47	22	18	–	20	5	34	50	39	–	–	54	69	58	38	23
Hampden	3,594	740	718	137	232	104	108	35	684	280	307	130	194	88	137	254	193	6	–	396	194	52	194	54
Hampshire	304	49	36	3	25	13	17	–	51	30	28	2	40	1	98	77	115	2	32	200	124	49	58	36
Middlesex	10,482	1,254	1,367	10	773	185	173	1	2,239	508	478	8	408	278	752	1,697	1,350	2	133	2,925	1,009	615	829	371
Nantucket	30	30	2	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	–	38	6	16	3	–	50	13	34	13	2
Norfolk	3,294	782	377	4	441	53	47	–	919	179	125	1	105	41	337	379	364	2	71	793	360	107	316	105
Plymouth	1,272	185	234	56	108	31	34	7	266	89	94	19	84	27	357	426	343	1	69	882	314	85	172	81
Suffolk	25,135	4,105	4,327	13	2,983	896	1,046	4	5,493	1,754	1,873	9	980	1,085	1,324	1,400	4,381	18	401	6,691	833	1,865	678	983
Worcester	5,429	587	626	–	409	76	67	–	962	241	240	–	187	131	74	474	392	25	49	902	112	146	85	167
Total	57,738	8,989	8,705	228	5,653	1,557	1,712	47	12,542	3,728	3,674	174	2,444	1,833	3,920	6,090	9,324	77	844	16,486	3,769	3,427	2,777	2,097

[1]Four to five days both with and without jury.
[2]Three to four days.

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY, January, 7, 1935.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:-

I have the honor to submit, in compliance with General Laws, (Tercentenary Edition) chapter 9, section 17, the annual report of the transactions of this office for the year ending November 30, 1934, the returns of the sheriffs of the several counties of money received by them, and of their attendance upon a court of record and the county commissioners; a report showing the aggregate vote, both affirmative and negative, on every act or part of an act which shall have been referred by the General Court for acceptance or rejection to the voters of the Commonwealth or any part thereof, or to the city council of any city, during the calendar year 1934; and a record of the work of this Department in respect of public records under chapter 66 of the General Laws.

There is also presented, in compliance with General Laws, (Tercentenary Edition) chapter 221, section 24, as amended, abstract and tabular statements of the returns of the clerks of the courts for the several counties and the clerks of the Superior Court for civil and for criminal business in Suffolk county; as to civil cases, the number of law, equity, and divorce cases pending at the beginning of each year in the Superior Court for their respective counties, the number of cases of each class disposed of in previous years and brought forward this year, the number of law cases transferred to equity, and the number of equity cases transferred to law, the number of jury, without jury, equity, and divorce cases disposed of during the year, the number of each of these four classes of cases pending at end of the year, the number of each of these classes of cases tried during the year (not including number in which issues were tried to a jury), the number of equity cases in which issues were tried to a jury, the number of jury, without jury, equity, and divorce cases awaiting trial at end of the year, the number of each of said classes of cases marked inactive during the year under rule of the court, and the number of each of said classes of cases marked inactive at any time, pending at end of year, and subject to dismissal under the rule, and the number of days during which court has sat for hearings or trials with jury and without jury; and, as to criminal cases, the number of such cases remaining at the first of each year in the Superior Court for their respective counties, the number of indictments returned during the year, the number of appealed cases entered during the year, the number of actions on bail bonds or recognizances entered, the number disposed of in previous years which have been brought forward for redisposition, the number of cases disposed of during the year, the number of cases remaining at end of the year, the number of cases tried during the year, the number awaiting trial at end of the year, and the number of days during which the court has sat in their respective counties for trials, hearings, or dispositions.

RECEIPTS

The following table shows in detail, receipts from fees, etc., all of which were paid into the treasury daily, and quarterly reports thereof made to the Governor and Council, as required by General Laws, (Tercentenary Edition) chapter 9, section 1: —

Commissions		$14,710.00
Corporation Certificates		348,175.63
Limited Partnerships		340.00
Labels, Trade-marks, etc.		9,100.00
Sale of Books, etc., 22,135.41 / 6.75		22,142.16
Certificates		2,570.09
Military Records		61.70
Copies:		
Corporations	$7,241.55	
Archives	6,268.11	
		13,509.66
Miscellaneous:		
Vital Statistics	$1,662.10	
Advance Sheets	600.00	
Miscellaneous Receipts	10.00	
		2,272.10
		$412,881.34

Commissions

The number of commissions issued during the year ending November 30, 1934, was 3,598 (an increase of 186 from the preceding year), of which 672 were without fee and 91 became void by reason of the failure of the appointees to take out the commissions or to qualify thereunder. The different classes were as follows:

Notaries public	2,529
Justices of the peace	355
Justices of the peace to solemnize marriages	14
Justice, Superior Court	1
Judge of Probate and Insolvency	1
Justices and special justices, municipal and district courts	17
Justices of the peace to issue warrants and take bail	3
Trial justices	4
Clerks, municipal and district courts	13
Masters in chancery	22
Public administrators	17
Special state police officers	41
Trustees, commissioners, etc.	203
Public warehousemen	28
Medical examiners	17
Associate medical examiners	19
Commissioners to qualify public officers	4
Commissioners in other states	2
Commissioners in foreign countries	2
Board of Excise, city of Chelsea	2
Fall River Board of Police, chairman	1
Finance Commission, city of Boston, chairman	1
Supervisors of Elections, city of Boston	302
	3,598

Certificates to the number of 6,607 were issued, of which 1,467 were for certificates for which no fees are charged.

Corporation Division (Rooms 332 and 333)

The total number of certificates of incorporation issued under General Laws to new corporations for the fiscal year ending November 30, 1934, was 2,656 — a decrease of 343 as compared with the fiscal year ending November 30, 1933. They were classified as follows: —

Business corporations (under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 156, section 12)	2,184
Religious, charitable, social, educational, musical, athletic, etc. corporations (under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 180, section 3)	403
Fraternal beneficiary corporations (under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 176, section 9)	20
Churches (under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 67, section 51)	13
Credit Unions (under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 171, section 3)	33
Insurance company (under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 175, section 49)	1
Water company (under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 158, section 9)	1
Steam company (under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 158, section 9)	1

The number of certificates of every description filed was 25,061 — an increase of 552 as compared with the fiscal year ending November 30, 1933. Of these, 2,184 were articles of organization of business corporations (under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 156, section 12); 403 were articles of organization of religious, charitable, social and other organizations (under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 180); 1,288 were amendments of Massachusetts business corporations (under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 156, sections 16, 17, 42–45); 17,516 were certificates of condition of Massachusetts corporations (under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 158, sections 37 and chapter 156, section 47); 1,958 were certificates of condition of foreign corporations (under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 181, section 12); 940 were reports of social and athletic organizations (under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 180, section 26A), and the others were divided among 36 other classes.

There were issued 45 certificates of change of name of corporations (under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 155, section 10, and chapter 180, section 11).

Returns were received of the dissolution of 21 corporations by the Supreme Judicial and Superior Courts.

Under the act relating to the incorporation of clubs, charters were refused in 65 cases, three charters declared void, and 29 applications for incorporation withdrawn. Under the law relative to change of name of clubs, one such application was withdrawn.

Limited partnership certificates to the number of 34 were filed. 3,548 certified copies of the records and certificates were supplied — an increase of 477 as compared with the fiscal year ending November 30, 1933.

Labels, Trade-marks, etc.

By General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 110, section 8, which relates to the adoption and registration of labels, trade-marks, stamps and forms of advertisement, the duty is placed upon the Secretary of the Commonwealth of receiving and filing such labels, etc., and of issuing and recording certificates of record. Under this law, labels, trade-marks, stamps and forms of advertisement were received, and certificates of record issued and recorded in 360 cases.

Under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 110, section 8, which provides for the assignment of labels, trade-marks, stamps and forms of advertisement, six assignments were received, and certificates of registration issued.

Marks and Devices on Cans, etc.

Under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 110, section 21, which provides for the protection of dealers and consumers against the unlawful use and destruction of milk and ice cream cans, jugs, bottles, jars, tubs or cabinets, four descriptions of marks, devices etc. were received and filed.

Vital Statistics Division (Room 334)

Under the provisions of General Laws, (Tercentenary Edition), chapter 46, section 17, returns of births and marriages from 355 cities and towns and births from the State Infirmary at Tewksbury for the year 1933, which were received in 1934, cover 63,457 births and 25,949 marriages, a decrease of 5,061 births and an increase of 3,132 marriages, as compared with the returns of 1932.

Under the provisions of the same law 50,832 certified copies of records of deaths were received, covering a period from January 1, 1933, to December 31, 1933, an increase of 1,301 as compared with the returns of 1932.

Medical examiners' returns for 1933 cover 8,587, an increase of 210 as compared with the returns for 1932.

Returns by clerks of courts and registers of probate of the decrees of divorce for 1933 number 3,210, a decrease of 333 as compared with the returns for 1932.

These figures are fully compiled and analyzed in the annual registration report for 1933 (Public Document No. 1), and were available August 2, 1934.

During the year 2,692 certificates of birth, 1,649 certificates of marriage and 1,163 certificates of death were issued, a total of 5,504. Of these 2,076 were certified abstracts given for Soldiers' Relief and United States Government war claims without fee. There were 21,893 requests for records, an increase of 5,069 more than in 1933. Fees received from these certificates amounted to $1,662.60.

8,648 card abstracts of birth records for school, employment and enlistment purposes were issued without charge, an increase of 1,676.

There were 4,436 delayed records of birth and corrections of birth records received; 163 corrections of marriage and 119 corrections of death records were also received.

Changes of Names of Persons

The returns of 945 names, changed in 1933 as decreed by the several probate courts, were received and filed in compliance with the requirements of General Laws, (Tercentenary Edition) chapter 210, section 12.

Archives Division (Room 438)

There have been made during the fiscal year 59 military certificates, 14 typewritten copies, and 21,006 photostatic copies of legislative records and files, maps, corporation records, finger prints, etc.

The following fees have been received:

Military certificates, $61.70; typewritten copies, $22.25; photostatic copies, $6,245.86; totalling, $6,329.81.

No volumes of Vital Records were purchased during the year, the usual annual appropriation for the purpose having been omitted.

Public Document Division (Room 118)

During the year 1934 the following publications were received for distribution through the Public Document Division: 62,580 volumes of the Public Document Series, representing 78 reports of the several state departments, boards and commissions: 10,200 copies of the Acts and Resolves passed by the General Court of Massachusetts at an extra session, 1933; 10,000 copies of the 1934 pamphlet edition of the Session Laws; 9,000 copies of the 1934 bound edition of the Session Laws, commonly called the Blue Book; 600

copies each of the Senate and House Journals, 1934, total, 1,200 copies (from the Sergeant-at-Arms); 410 copies each of the Massachusetts Reports, Nos. 282, 283 and 284, total 1,230 copies; 550 copies of the Proceedings of the Sixty-eighth Annual Encampment, Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Massachusetts, 1934; 600 copies of the Proceedings of the Thirty-fourth Annual Encampment, United Spanish War Veterans, Department of Massachusetts, 1933; 1,400 copies of the Proceedings of the Fifteenth Annual Convention, The American Legion, Department of Massachusetts, 1933; 816 copies of the Proceedings of the Thirteenth Annual Encampment, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Massachusetts, 1933; 500 copies of the Proceedings of the Twelfth Annual Convention, Disabled American Veterans of the World War, 1933; 50 copies of the 1933 report of the Finance Commission for the City of Lowell, which copies were received from the above commission; 200 copies of the 1933 report of the Fall River Board of Finance, which copies were received from the above board; 40 copies of the 1933 report of the Finance Commission for the City of Boston, which copies were received from the above commission; 728 copies of the General Laws Relating to Corporations, 1931, which copies were received from the Department of Corporations and Taxation; 2,000 copies of the Massachusetts Soldiers, Sailors and Marines in the Civil War, Vol. 7; 10,015 copies of the Manual for the Instruction of Applicants for the Police Service of Cities and Towns in Massachusetts; 1,535 copies of the Statutes Relating to Savings Banks, 1933; 720 copies of the Statutes Relating to Trust Companies, 1933; 2,048 copies of the Statutes Relating to Co-operative Banks, 1934; 300 copies of the Journals of the House of Representatives, Vol. 14, 1736-37; 7,160 copies of the 1931, 1932 and 1933 amendments to the Laws Relating to Insurance and Insurance Companies; 5,116 copies of the General Laws Relating to Primaries, Caucuses and Elections, 1934; 1,971 copies of the General Laws Relating to Taxation and Special Assessments, revised to May 1, 1934; 1,000 copies of the Proceedings of the Constitutional Convention held on June 26, 1933; making a grand total of 130,959 volumes that have passed through this division during the year.

Division of Public Records, (Room 252)

Inspections

Under the provisions of General Laws, (Tercentenary Edition), chapter 66, section 1, there have been made by the Supervisor of Records during the year 1934 inspections of the care, custody, condition and protection against fires of the public records of the departments and offices of the counties, cities and towns as follows: —

Abington, Acushnet, Alford, Amesbury, Ashland, Athol, ATTLEBORO, Auburn, Barnstable, Barre, Bedford, Belchertown, Bellingham, Berlin, Bernardston, BEVERLY, Blackstone, Blandford, Bolton, Bourne, Brewster, Bridgewater, Buckland, Burlington, Charlemont, Chatham, Chester, Chesterfield, Conway, Cummington, Dana, Deerfield, Dennis, Douglas, Dracut, Dudley, East Bridgewater, Eastham, Easton, Egremont, Enfield, Erving, Essex, Falmouth, Florida, Franklin, GARDNER, Gill, Goshen, Gosnold, Grafton, Granby, Granville, Great Barrington, Greenfield, Greenwich, Hadley, Hamilton, Hampden, Hardwick, Harwich, Holland, Holliston, Hopedale, Hopkinton, Hubbardston, Huntington, Leicester, Lenox, Lexington, Lunenburg, Mashpee, Medway, Mendon, Merrimac, Methuen, Middlefield, Middleton, Milford, Millis, Millville, Monson, Monterey, Montgomery, Nantucket, New Marlborough, New Salem, NEWBURYPORT, Norfolk, NORTH ADAMS, North Attleborough, North Reading, Northborough, Northbridge, Northfield, Norton, Orange, Orleans, Palmer, Pelham, Petersham, PITTSFIELD, Plainfield, Plainville, Prescott, Princeton, Provincetown, QUINCY, Rayham, Richmond, Rochester, Rockland, Rowley, Russell, SALEM, Sandisfield, Savoy, Sheffield, Shelburne, Shrewsbury, South Hadley, Southborough, Southbridge, Sturbridge, Swampscott, TAUNTON, Tolland, Topsfield, Truro, Tyngsborough, Tyringham, Upton, Uxbridge, Ware, War-

wick, Wellfleet, Wendell, West Bridgewater, West Stockbridge, Westborough, Westminster, Whitman, Williamsburg, Wilmington, Worthington, Wrentham, Yarmouth.

During the year 30 vaults and 11 safes have been approved by this office.

Fires

On the afternoon of December 5, 1933, fire broke out in the storage room of the Street Commission in City Hall, Boston. No records were lost.

On the afternoon of December 28, 1933, fire broke out in the Town Hall at Tisbury. No records were lost.

On January 3, 1934, an early evening fire started in the basement of the building at Rockland in which Town Offices are situated. The fire was confined to the basement and no records were lost.

City Halls

No new City Halls have been built during the year. Alterations have been made during the year on the following City Halls: Beverly, North Adams, Quincy, and Pittsfield has taken a building outside the City Hall for the Public Welfare department. The city of Salem has restored its Old Town House to its original state and it is occupied by the City Welfare and Park departments.

Town Halls

The Town offices at Blackstone have moved to their new building. Alterations have been made during the year on the following town halls: Amesbury, Brookline, Holliston, Monson, North Reading, Shrewsbury, Sturbridge, Wilmington and Westford by the construction of vaults.

Repairing and Binding

Records have been repaired and rebound during the year for the cities of Attleboro and Holyoke, towns of Ashland, Bedford, Duxbury, Orleans, Rockport, and Wellfleet: Registries of Deeds at Plymouth and Taunton and Clerk of Courts at Plymouth.

Typewriter Ribbons and Stamping Pads

A printed list of approved typewriter ribbons and stamping pads will be published later for distribution.

Legislative Counsel and Agents' Expenses

In compliance with General Laws, (Tercentenary Edition) chapter 3, sections 39 to 50 inclusive, relative to legislative counsel and agents' expenses incurred or paid in connection with promoting or opposing legislation during the last regular session of the General Court, there were 232 entries made in the dockets, a decrease of 17 as compared with 1933.

Returns covering 226 entries were received from persons, associations or corporations employing legislative counsel and agents. Five employers who failed to file returns within the time prescribed by law were reported to the Attorney-General.

The total amount reported as paid to legislative counsel and agents was $93,895.97. In addition to this amount $20,603.99 representing annual salaries or retainers apportioned, and $26,160.00 unapportioned, was reported. Fourteen employers stated that they paid nothing.

Proclamations

The proclamations of His Excellency the Governor were printed and distributed under the direction of this office. For the observance of each of the following 11,000 copies were distributed to churches, schools, institutions, patriotic societies, postmasters and city and town clerks: — Lincoln Day, February 12, 1934; Spanish War Memorial Day and Maine Memorial Day,

February 15, 1934; Boston Massacre, March 5, 1934; Flag Day, June 14, 1934; Bunker Hill Day, June 17, 1934; Commodore John Barry Day, September 13, 1934; Pulaski Day, October 11, 1934 and Armistice Day, November 11, 1934. 11,000 copies of the Arbor and Bird Day proclamations were mailed to churches, schools, granges, agricultural societies, institutions, postmasters and city and town clerks, and in observance of Thanksgiving Day 10,000 copies of the Governor's proclamation were sent to churches, schools, postmasters and city and town clerks.

Fire Prevention Week was designated to include the week of October 7, 1934, and 6,650 copies of the Governor's proclamation were distributed to the fire chiefs of the Commonwealth for churches, schools and post offices.

In observance of Conservation Week, April 9 to 13, 1934, Humane Sunday, April 15, 1934, "Be Kind to Animals Week", April 16 to 21, 1934 and Education Week, November 5 to 11, 1934, proclamations were issued by His Excellency the Governor to the press.

Pardons, Commutations, Respites, Requisitions, etc.

The number of pardons made out and issued during the year was 43, of which 33 were granted under parole conditions, 2 were conditional, and 8 full and complete; commutations, 7; respites, 7; requisitions upon the other States, 76, upon the Secretary of the Navy of the United States, 1; upon the Secretary of State of the United States for extradition requests upon foreign countries, 2; and warrants issued upon requisitions from other States, 16.

Rules and Regulations of State Departments

By General Laws (Tercentenary Edition), chapter 30, section 37, certain rules and regulations of departments, commissions, boards or officials vested by law with the power to make and issue rules and regulations general in scope, and to be observed or performed under penalty for the violation thereof, shall not take effect until attested copies thereof have been filed with the Secretary of the Commonwealth. Under this law rules and regulations were filed by the following departments during the year 1934: Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission, Department of Banking and Insurance, Department of Civil Service and Registration, Department of Conservation, Department of Labor and Industries, Department of Public Health, Department of Public Safety, Department of Public Utilities, Department of Public Works and Board of Tax Appeals.

Miscellaneous

The two reports from this office which form a part of the Public Document series, namely, Returns of Births, Marriages, Divorces and Deaths (Public Document No. 1) and Election Statistics. (Public Document No. 43) have been made, as required by law.

Frederic W. Cook,
Secretary of the Commonwealth

Returns from Cities and Towns Relative to Action taken under Certain Provisions of the General Laws
(Tercentenary Edition)

When Received	City or Town	Subject and Reference	Action	Date of Action
1934				
Jan. 18	Marlborough	Assistance of police department in performing duties of assistant assessors, G. L. 51, s. 14A	Accepted	Jan. 15, 1934
Feb. 27	Athol	Reserve police force in towns, G. L. 147, s. 13A	Accepted	Feb. 19, 1934
Feb. 27	Raynham	Establishment of fire department, G. L. 48, ss. 42–44	Accepted	Mar. 16, 1929
Mar. 5	Gardner	Publication of ordinances and proposed ordinances in certain cities, G. L. 40, s. 32A	Accepted	Nov. 7, 1933
Mar. 10	Chatham	Certain sports and games permitted on the Lord's Day, G. L. 136, ss. 21–25	Accepted	Feb. 20, 1934
Mar. 21	Hardwick	Civil service for chief of police, G. L. 31, s. 49	Accepted	Mar. 10, 1934
Mar. 24	Millis	License fee for carrying on business of slaughtering cattle, sheep or swine, G. L. 94, s. 120	Accepted	Mar. 22, 1934
Mar. 26	Framingham	Disposition of burnt or dangerous buildings, G. L. 139, ss. 1, 2 and 3	Accepted	Mar. 16, 1934
Mar. 30	North Andover	Reserve police force in towns, G. L. 147, s. 13A	Accepted	Mar. 17, 1934
Apr. 4	Athol	Establishment of fire department, G. L. 48, ss. 42–44	Accepted	Mar. 29, 1934
Apr. 10	Winchendon	Certain sports and games permitted on the Lord's Day, G. L. 136, ss. 21-25	Accepted	Mar. 10, 1934
Apr. 24	Brockton	Pensions for foremen, inspectors, etc., G. L. 32, s. 77, par. (b)	Accepted	Apr. 21, 1934
Apr. 26	Arlington	Licenses for sale of certain articles on the Lord's Day, G. L. 136, ss. 7 and 8	Accepted	Mar. 28, 1934
Apr. 26	Arlington	Civil service for policemen and firemen, G. L. 31, s. 48	Accepted	Apr. 23, 1934
Apr. 26	Arlington	Certain sports and games permitted on the Lord's Day, G. L. 136, ss. 21–25	Accepted	Apr. 23, 1934
Apr. 26	Arlington	Civil service for laborers, G. L. 31, s. 47	Accepted	Apr. 23, 1934
May 15	Malden	Licensing of open-air parking spaces, G. L. 148, s. 56	Accepted	May 12, 1934
May 19	Worcester	No loss of pay or vacation to certain state and municipal employees in militia, G. L. 33, s. 67	Accepted	May 16, 1934
June 2	Randolph	Disposition of burnt or dangerous buildings, G. L. 139, ss. 1, 2, and 3	Accepted	Mar. 12, 1934
July 25	Sharon	Uniforms for policemen and firemen, G. L. 40, s. 6B	Accepted	July 23, 1934
Nov. 9	Beverly	Publication of ordinances and proposed ordinances in certain cities, G. L. 40, s. 32A	Accepted	Oct. 31, 1934
Nov. 24	Medford	Establishment of art commission, G. L. 41, s. 82	Accepted	Nov. 21, 1934
Nov. 28	Weymouth	Two platoon system in fire department, G. L. 48, s. 59	Accepted	Nov. 6, 1934
Nov. 28	Chicopee	City charter, plan D, G. L. 43	Accepted Rejected	Nov. 6, 1934

Returns relative to the Acceptance or Rejection of Certain Special Acts passed by the General Court and Referred to the Voters, to the City Council of a City, to the Selectmen of a Town, or the County Commissioners of a County

When Received	From Whom Received	Title of Act	Date of Action	Vote	
				Yes	No
1933 Dec. 16	City Clerk, Quincy	An Act to provide for the election of the auditor of accounts of the city of Quincy by the city council of said city (1933, 61)	Dec. 5, 1933	12,634	2,228
Dec. 22	Town Clerk, Wellesley	An Act establishing in the town of Wellesley representative town government by limited town meetings (1932, 202)	Mar. 6, 1933	666	1,216
Dec. 23	Town Clerk, Needham	An Act establishing in the town of Needham representative town government by limited town meetings (1932, 279)	Mar. 13, 1933	1,314	1,112
Dec. 23	City Clerk, Boston	An Act relative to the indemnification of certain public employees for damages sustained through operation of certain publicly owned vehicles, and subjecting employees of certain county and district hospitals to certain provisions of the workmen's compensation laws (1933, 318, s. 4)	Dec. 20, 1933	–[1]	–
1934 Jan. 2	City Clerk, Newton	An Act relative to the construction of a parkway or boulevard from Hammond street in the town of Brookline to Beacon street in the city of Newton and relative to the construction of an extension of said parkway or boulevard in said city of Newton (1932, 301)	Dec. 30, 1933	–[2]	–
Jan. 9	City Clerk, Lowell	An Act providing for advance payments on account of taxes for the years nineteen hundred and thirty-three and nineteen hundred and thirty-four in certain cities and towns (1933, 99)	Jan. 5, 1934	–[1]	–
Feb. 2	City Clerk, Somerville	An Act providing for advance payments on account of taxes for the years nineteen hundred and thirty-three and nineteen hundred and thirty-four in certain cities and towns (1933, 99)	Jan. 31, 1934	–[2]	–
Feb. 2	City Clerk, Springfield	An Act providing for advance payments on account of taxes for the years nineteen hundred and thirty-three and nineteen hundred and thirty-four in certain cities and towns (1933, 99	Jan. 30, 1934	–[1]	–
Feb. 20	Town Clerk, Swampscott	An Act making the provisions of the civil service laws applicable to the town of Swampscott with respect to its highway department (1934, 8)	Feb. 19, 1934	–[3]	–
Mar. 10	City Clerk, Woburn	An Act providing for advance payments on account of taxes for the years nineteen hundred and thirty-three and nineteen hundred and thirty-four in certain cities and towns (1933, 99)	Jan. 8, 1934	–[1]	–
Mar. 15	City Clerk, Lynn	An Act providing for the abolishing of the Independent Industrial Shoemaking School in the city of Lynn (1933, 102)	Nov. 7, 1933	10,992	9,815
Mar. 16	City Clerk, Worcester	An Act authorizing the city of Worcester to use a part of Elm Park in said city for street purposes (1934, 27)	Mar. 13, 1934	–[1]	–
Mar. 16	Town Clerk, Weymouth	An Act authorizing the town of Weymouth to construct and operate a system of sewers (1934, 47)	Mar. 12, 1934	3,526	2,054
Mar. 22	Town Clerk, Westwood	An Act authorizing the Dedham Water Company to furnish water to the town of Westwood and providing in a certain event that said town may establish a water distributing or water supply system (1930, 248)	Mar. 20, 1934	–[4]	–

RETURNS RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF CERTAIN SPECIAL ACTS PASSED BY THE GENERAL COURT AND REFERRED TO THE VOTERS, TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF A CITY, TO THE SELECTMEN OF A TOWN, OR THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF A COUNTY — *Continued*

When Received	From Whom Received	Title of Act	Date of Action	Vote	
				Yes	No
Mar. 24	Town Clerk, Millis	An Act regulating the fee for licenses for slaughter houses (1924, 496)	Mar. 22, 1934	–[3]	–
Apr. 23	Town Clerk, Stoneham	An Act relative to the indemnification or protection of officers and employees of the Commonwealth, the several counties and the cities and towns for damages sustained on account of the operation of publicly owned motor vehicles (1931, 458, s. 4)	Mar. 12, 1934	–[3]	–
Apr. 23	Town Clerk, Easthampton	An Act establishing in the town of Easthampton representative town government by limited town meetings (1933, 178)	Mar. 12, 1934	1,179	889
Apr. 27	Secretary, Home for Jewish Children	An Act empowering the Home for Jewish Children to transfer its property to the Jewish Child Welfare Association (1934, 4)	Mar. 27, 1934	–[5]	–
May 8	City Clerk, Woburn	An Act providing for municipal primaries in the city of Woburn (1934, 91)	April 26, 1934	–[1]	–
May 25	City Clerk, Quincy	An Act providing retirement allowances based on annuity and pension contributions for employees of the city of Quincy (1934, 152)	May 23, 1934	–[1]	–
May 31	City Clerk, Haverhill	An Act to reduce the membership of the board of engineers of the fire department of the city of Haverhill (1934, 117)	May 29, 1934	–[1]	–
June 7	City Clerk, Malden	An Act authorizing the city of Malden to pension John Cullen (1934, 223)	June 6, 1934	–[1]	–
June 12	City Clerk, Malden	An Act authorizing the city of Malden to pension Charles E. Bullard (1934, 222)	June 6, 1934	–[1]	–
June 13	Clerk, Barnstable County Commissioners	An Act providing for the improvement of the water supply and sewage disposal systems at the Barnstable County Sanatorium (1934, 195)	June 11, 1934	–[6]	–
June 19	Secretary, Jewish Child Welfare Association	An Act empowering the Home for Jewish Children to transfer its property to the Jewish Child Welfare Association (1934, 4)	June 5, 1934	–[7]	–
June 21	Assistant Clerk, Hampden County Commissioners	An Act authorizing the county of Hampden to provide a pension for the widow of Merritt W. Hayden (1934, 273)	June 20, 1934	–[8]	–
June 22	Secretary Massachusetts Congregational Conference and Missionary Society	An Act amending the charter of the Massachusetts Congregational Conference and Missionary Society (1934, 31)	May 23, 1934	–[9]	–
July 3	City Clerk, Medford	An Act providing retirement allowances based on annuity and pension contributions for employees of the city of Medford (1934, 88)	June 25, 1934	–[2]	–
July 6	Secretary, Tufts College Alumni Association	An Act relative to the election of certain members of the Trustees of Tufts College (1934, 166)	April 26, 1934	–[10]	–
July 6	Secretary, Trustees of Tufts College	An Act relative to the election of certain members of the Trustees of Tufts College (1934, 166)	June 16, 1934	–[11]	–
July 10	Clerk, Dukes County Commissioners	An Act authorizing the county of Dukes to borrow money for the purpose of contributing to the cost of construction of a highway in the town of Edgartown (1934, 197)	July 6, 1934	–[12]	–
July 10	Clerk, Dukes County Commissioners	An Act authorizing the county of Dukes County to borrow money for the purpose of contributing to the cost of constructing a bridge and approaches thereto over the outlet of Lagoon Pond in the towns of Oak Bluffs and Tisbury and of certain dredging in connection therewith (1934, 257)	July 6, 1934	–[12]	–

July 12	Clerk, Barnstable County Commissioners	An Act relative to the erection and equipment of a new house of correction and jail for Barnstable County (1934, 230)	July 10, 1934	–[6]	–
July 19	Assistant Clerk, Essex County Commissioners	An Act to provide for the reconstruction of the Falls Bridge over the Merrimack River at Broadway in the city of Lawrence (1934, 369)	July 17, 1934	–[13]	–
July 23	Assistant Clerk, Middlesex County Commissioners	An Act authorizing the county of Middlesex to pay for medical attendance and hospital care on account of injuries sustained by Albert A. Waitt while employed at the House of Correction in the town of Billerica (1934, 337)	July 17, 1934	–[14]	–
July 25	Town Clerk, Ipswich	An Act authorizing the town of Ipswich to borrow money for school purposes (1934, 240)	July 23, 1934	250	799
July 31	Secretary, The New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company	An Act providing for the repair, control and maintenance of the Slade's Ferry Bridge, so called, over the Taunton river between the city of Fall River and the town of Somerset (1934, 367)	July 25, 1934	–[15]	–
Aug. 2	Clerk, Barnstable Fire District	An Act authorizing the Barnstable Fire District to supply itself and its inhabitants with water for the extinguishment of fires and for domestic use (1934, 302)	July 27, 1934	–[16]	–
Aug. 3	Selectmen, Swansea	An Act providing for the repair, control and maintenance of the Slade's Ferry Bridge, so called, over the Taunton river between the city of Fall River and the town of Somerset (1934, 367)	Aug. 2, 1934	–[17]	–
Sept. 13	Town Clerk, Barre	An Act establishing the Felton Field Commission in the town of Barre and authorizing said town to acquire land to be used as a recreation field and to improve and maintain such field (1934, 248)	Aug. 30, 1934	–[3]	–
Sept. 13	Town Clerk, Barre	An Act further regulating the use of traps and other devices for the capture of fur-bearing animals and providing for local option thereon (1934 275)	Aug. 30, 1934	77	40
Sept. 22	City Clerk, Lowell	An Act providing for absent voting at regular city elections (1933, 313, s. 1)	Sept. 19, 1934	–[1]	–
Sept. 24	Town Clerk, West Stockbridge	An Act further regulating the use of traps and other devices for the capture of fur-bearing animals and providing for local option thereon (1934, 275)	Aug. 29, 1934	74	4
Oct. 13	City Clerk, Cambridge	An Act relative to indemnification of certain public employees for damages sustained through operation of certain publicly owned vehicles (1934, 291)	Oct. 11, 1934	–[1]	–
Nov. 15	City Clerk, Medford	An Act relative to the indemnification of certain public employees for damages sustained through operation of certain publicly owned vehicles, and subjecting employees of certain county and district hospitals to certain provisions of the workmen's compensation laws (1933, 318)	Nov. 13, 1934	–[2]	–
Nov. 15	City Clerk, Springfield	An Act relative to the health department of the city of Springfield (1934, 267)	Nov. 6, 1934	20,499	14,193
Nov. 15	City Clerk, Springfield	An Act subjecting the offices of commissioner of soldiers' relief and state and military aid and supervisor of soldiers' and sailors' graves in the city of Springfield to the civil service laws (1934, 144)	Nov. 6, 1934	25,840	7,268
Nov. 15	City Clerk, Malden	An Act amending the charter of the city of Malden so as to provide compensation for members of the city council (1934, 203)	Nov. 6, 1934	4,784	9,855
Nov. 15	Chairman, Board of Election Commissioners of Somerville	An Act providing for the appointment of the city auditor of the city of Somerville by the mayor, subject to confirmation by the board of aldermen (1934, 294)	Nov. 6, 1934	13,166	12,018
Nov. 15	Chairman, Board of Election Commissioners of Somerville	An Act reducing the membership of the board of aldermen of the city of Somerville (1934, 298)	Nov. 6, 1934	13,624	11,651
Nov. 16	Chairman, Board of Election Commissioners of Somerville	An Act reducing the membership of the school committee of the city of Somerville (1934, 297)	Nov. 6, 1934	13,423	11,763
Nov. 16	Chairman, Board of Election Commissioners of Somerville	An Act providing for the appointment of the city treasurer of the city of Somerville by the mayor, subject to confirmation by the board of aldermen (1934, 295)	Nov. 6, 1934	12,804	12,165
Nov. 16	City Clerk, Brockton	An Act subjecting the office of agent of soldiers' relief and state and military aid of the city of Brockton to the civil service laws (1934, 239)	Nov. 6, 1934	12,706	3,414

Returns relative to the Acceptance or Rejection of Certain Special Acts passed by the General Court and Referred to the Voters, to the City Council of a City, to the Selectmen of a Town, or the County Commissioners of a County — *Concluded*

When Received	From Whom Received	Title or Act	Date of Action	Vote	
				Yes	No
Nov. 16	Town Clerk, Dedham	An Act placing the office of superintendent of the infirmary of the town of Dedham under the civil service laws (1934, 215)	Nov. 6, 1934	3,187	912
Nov. 16	City Clerk, Beverly	An Act placing under the civil service the office of chief of police of the city of Beverly (1934, 101)	Nov. 6, 1934	3,658	4,252
Nov. 16	City Clerk, Revere	An Act establishing non-partisan municipal elections in the city of Revere (1934, 293)	Nov. 6, 1934	7,835	727
Nov. 16	Chairman, Election Commissioners of Lynn	An Act subjecting the office of clerk of soldiers' relief and state and military aid of the city of Lynn to the civil service laws (1934, 139)	Nov. 6, 1934	19,020	5,875
Nov. 16	City Clerk, Quincy	An Act placing the office of chief engineer of the fire department of the city of Quincy under the civil service laws (1934, 128)	Nov. 6, 1934	15,930	4,320
Nov. 16	City Clerk, Quincy	An Act subjecting the office of inspector of wires of the city of Quincy to the civil service laws (1934, 28)	Nov. 6, 1934	15,237	4,756
Nov. 17	City Clerk, Malden	An Act providing for biennial municipal elections in the city of Malden (1933, 155)	Dec. 12, 1933	6,037	6,023
Nov. 30	Clerk, Dukes County Commissioners	An Act authorizing the county of Dukes to borrow money for the purpose of contributing to the cost of construction of a highway in the town of Edgartown (1934, 197)	Nov. 23, 1934	–[12]	–

[1]Accepted by the city council.
[2]Accepted by the board of aldermen.
[3]Accepted, affirmative and negative votes not returned.
[4]Adopted by unanimous vote.
[5]Accepted by the board of directors of the Home for Jewish Children.
[6]Accepted by the county commissioners of Barnstable County.
[7]Accepted by the board of directors of the Jewish Child Welfare Association.
[8]Accepted by the county commissioners of Hampden County.
[9]Accepted by the Massachusetts Congregational Conference and Missionary Society.
[10]Accepted by the Tufts College Alumni Association.
[11]Accepted by the Trustees of Tufts College.
[12]Accepted by the county commissioners of Dukes County.
[13]Accepted by the county commissioners of Essex County.
[14]Accepted by the county commissioners of Middlesex County.
[15]Accepted by the directors of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company.
[16]Accepted by the Barnstable Fire District.
[17]Accepted by the selectmen of Swansea.

Abstract of the Returns of the Sheriffs of the Several Counties of the Commonwealth for the Year ending September 30, 1934, in Compliance with General Laws, Chapter 37 Section 23

Counties	Amount of Money Received					Number of Days' Attendance			
	From County Treasurer	From All Other Sources	Total	For Fees in Civil Processes	For Fees in Criminal Processes	Upon the Court	Upon County Commissioners	Upon More than One Tribunal Simultaneously	Total
Barnstable	$2,460 00	–	$2,460 00	–	–	35	–	–	35
Berkshire	1,962 94	–	1,962 94	–	–	61	15	2	78
Bristol	4,235 85	$10,866 04	15,101 89	–	–	151	9	2	162
Dukes	532 65	272 55	805 20	$252 55	–	11	–	–	11
Essex	5,146 67	12,735 40	17,882 07	–	–	204	30	116	350
Franklin	1,340 85	185 00	1,525 85	–	–	51	–	–	51
Hampden	3,170 94	4,528 50	7,699 44	–	–	121	40	11	172
Hampshire	3,282 07	1,510 00	4,792 07	–	–	76	17	4	97
Middlesex	853 26	17,762 60	18,615 86	–	–	1,564	–	195	1,759
Nantucket	920 19	50 00	970 19	–	–	7	–	–	7
Norfolk	3,699 75	6,875 32	10,575 07	–	–	209	–	83	292
Plymouth	3,952 19	3,580 00	7,532 19	–	–	141	47	34	222
Suffolk	3,000 00	41,291 36	44,291 36	–	–	3,388	–	–	3,388
Worcester	3,400 00	13,397 72	16,797 72	–	–	120	75	–	195
Total	$37,957 36	$113,054 49	$151,011 85	$252 55	–	6,139	233	447	6,819

ABSTRACT AND TABULAR STATEMENT OF THE RETURNS RELATIVE TO THE LAW, EQUITY, DIVORCE AND CRIMINAL BUSINESS OF THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1934, IN COMPLIANCE WITH GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 221, SECTION 24, AS AMENDED. (Naturalization Business not included.)

Counties	Civil Cases																								
	Number Pending at Beginning of Year			Number New Cases Entered During the Year			Number Disposed of in Previous Years and Brought Forward This Year			Number Transferred from Law to Equity	Number Transferred from Equity to Law.	Number Finally Disposed of				Number Pending at End of Year, Including Pending Inactive Cases				Number Tried during Year				Number of Equity Cases in which Issues were Tried to a Jury.
												Law				Law				Law				
	Law	Equity	Divorce and Nullity	Law	Equity	Divorce and Nullity	Law	Equity	Divorce and Nullity			Jury	Without Jury	Equity	Divorce and Nullity	Jury	Without Jury	Equity	Divorce and Nullity	Jury	Without Jury	Equity	Divorce and Nullity	
Barnstable	395	58	–	168	17	–	–	–	–	–	–	144	59	31	–	297	63	44	–	16	1	–	–	–
Berkshire	569	136	1	269	25	–	–	2	–	–	2	240	66	34	1	459	75	127	–	29	8	6	–	–
Bristol	2,322	449	2	1,000	138	2	2	–	–	1	–	1,012	275	174	2	1,647	390	414	2	114	58	15	1	–
Dukes	56	11	7	27	4	–	–	–	3	–	–	35	3	11	7	29	16	4	3	8	–	–	–	–
Essex	6,557	787	3	2,404	370	–	3	–	–	–	–	2,434	427	386	3	5,401	702	771	–	233	108	34	–	1
Franklin	324	68	–	119	23	–	–	–	–	–	–	187	17	27	–	193	46	64	–	43	4	12	–	–
Hampden	4,372	723	144	2,090	187	2	–	–	–	–	–	1,723	422	324	103	3,770	547	586	43	198	18	25	4	–
Hampshire	432	78	4	284	27	1	–	–	–	–	–	237	36	27	3	388	55	78	2	53	1	–	–	–
Middlesex	11,927	1,447	13	4,223	487	1	14	1	–	2	–	4,750	610	643	9	9,605	1,199	1,294	5	264	189	49	1	–
Nantucket	76	7	–	22	2	–	–	–	–	–	–	30	15	8	–	13	40	1	–	2	3	3	–	–
Norfolk	4,112	379	4	1,236	96	2	2	–	–	1	–	1,523	184	153	1	2,944	699	323	5	74	29	6	1	–
Plymouth	1,544	283	88	587	68	80	–	–	–	3	–	639	89	124	70	1,237	166	230	98	102	8	3	55	–
Suffolk	32,904	5,761	24	10,412	1,630	1	46	–	–	3	14	11,332	1,839	2,126	9	25,890	4,315	5,268	16	849	469	415	2	5
Worcester	6,084	643	2	2,605	177	1	–	–	–	–	1	2,359	346	288	1	5,539	446	532	2	146	126	18	1	–
Total	71,674	10,830	292	25,446	3,251	90	67	3	3	10	17	26,645	4,388	4,356	209	57,412	8,759	9,736	176	2,131	1,022	586	65	6

ABSTRACT AND TABULAR STATEMENT OF THE RETURNS RELATIVE TO THE LAW, EQUITY DIVORCE AND CRIMINAL BUSINESS OF THE SUPERIOR COURTF OR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1934, IN COMPLIANCE WITH GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 221, SECTION 24, AS AMENDED. (Naturalization Business not included.) —*concluded.*

Counties	Civil Cases														Criminal Cases									
	Number Awaiting Trial at End of Year				Number Marked Inactive During the Year Under Rule of the Court				Number Marked Inactive at Any Time Pending at End of Year, and Subject to Dismissal under the Rule				Number of Days during which Court has Sat for Hearings or Trials											
	Law				Law				Law															
	Jury	Without Jury	Equity	Divorce and Nullity	Jury	Without Jury	Equity	Divorce and Nullity	Jury	Without Jury	Equity	Divorce and Nullity	Jury	Without Jury	Number Remaining at First of Year.	Number of Indictments Returnable.	Number of Appeal Cases.	Number of Actions on Bail Bonds or Recognizances Entered.	Number Disposed of in Previous Years, Brought Forward for Redisposition.	Number Disposed of during Year.	Number Remaining at End of Year.	Number Tried During Year.	Number Awaiting Trial at End of Year	Number of Days during which Court has Sat for Trials, Hearings or Dispositions.
Barnstable	289	57	42	–	25	10	12	–	34	13	4	–	23½	2	52	27	84	–	1	127	37	11	28	10½
Berkshire	440	51	73	–	25	12	22	–	54	21	39	–	46	8	65	56	105	–	–	142	84	28	76	20
Bristol	1,538	202	105	–	104	51	60	1	228	135	129	1	128	46	464	340	793	–	10	1,397	210	136	76	53
Dukes	–	–	–	–	7	7	1	–	–	–	–	–	[1]	5[1]	24	–	6	–	–	7	23	2	–	[1] 5
Essex	5,285	526	595	–	341	89	103	–	733	198	200	–	233	102	135	516	1,247	14	70	1,783	199	204	154	153
Franklin	87	13	18	–	21	5	8	–	40	12	11	–	30	4	69	24	30	1	–	69	55	60	28	19
Hampden	3,721	540	569	41	322	53	69	2	541	188	189	33	187	72	194	194	177	3	6	407	167	63	167	62
Hampshire	325	39	37	2	22	5	12	–	43	18	29	–	72½	3	124	35	119	–	26	163	141	38	48	26½
Middlesex	9,307	1,160	1,207	3	824	141	191	–	786	172	364	1	326	265	1,009	1,486	1,490	27	125	3,503	634	597	464	347
Nantucket	13	30	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	3	13	–	2	2	–	12	5	11	5	2
Norfolk	2,926	699	322	5	320	38	37	2	677	89	76	2	78	37	360	387	438	2	91	768	510	112	447	125
Plymouth	1,216	131	173	67	95	29	35	8	191	60	67	15	93	32	314	318	430	–	107	835	334	116	172	87
Suffolk	21,921	3,192	4,512	11	2,318	781	1,006	7	5,218	1,711	2,011	11	1,079	1,115	833	1,326	5,226	57	365	7,107	700	1,957	568	1,001
Worcester	5,467	411	491	–	532	68	85	–	880	143	154	–	207	126	112	494	595	22	30	1,210	43	202	33	189
Total	52,535	7,051	8,145	129	4,956	1,289	1,641	20	9,425	2,760	3,273	63	2,504	1,820	3,768	5,203	10,742	128	831	17,530	3,142	3,537	2,266	2,100

[1] Five days for all types of cases.

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Office of the Secretary, January 1, 1936.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:—

I have the honor to submit, in compliance with General Laws, (Tercentenary Edition) Chapter 9, section 17, as amended by Chapter 37 of the Acts of 1934, the annual report of the transactions of this office for the year ending November 30, 1935, the returns of the sheriffs of the several counties of money received by them and of their attendance upon a court of record and the county commissioners; a report showing the aggregate vote, both affirmative and negative, on every act or part of an act which shall have been referred by the General Court for acceptance or rejection to the voters of the Commonwealth or any part thereof, or to the city council of any city, during the calendar year 1935; and a record of the work of this Department in respect of public records under Chapter 66 of the General Laws.

There is also presented, in compliance with General Laws, (Tercentenary Edition) chapter 221, section 24, as amended, abstract and tabular statements of the returns of the clerks of the courts for the several counties and the clerks of the Superior Court for civil and for criminal business in Suffolk County; as to civil cases, the number of law, equity, and divorce cases pending at the beginning of each year in the Superior Court for their respective counties, the number of cases of each class disposed of in previous years and brought forward this year, the number of law cases transferred to equity, and the number of equity cases transferred to law, the number of jury, without jury, equity, and divorce cases disposed of during the year, the number of each of these four classes of cases pending at end of the year, the number of each of these classes of cases tried during the year (not including the number in which issues were tried to a jury), the number of equity cases in which issues were tried to a jury, the number of jury, without jury, equity, and divorce cases awaiting trial at end of the year, the number of each of said classes of cases marked inactive during the year under rule of the court, and the number of each of said classes of cases marked inactive at any time, pending at end of year, and subject to dismissal under the rule, and the number of days during which court has sat for hearings or trials with jury and without jury; and, as to criminal cases, the number of such cases remaining at the first of each year in the Superior Court for their respective counties, the number of indictments returned during the year, the number of appealed cases entered during the year, the number of actions on bail bonds or recognizances entered, the number disposed of in previous years which have been brought forward for redisposition, the number of cases disposed of during the year, the number of cases remaining at end of the year, the number of cases tried during the year, the number awaiting trial at end of the year, and the number of days during which the court has sat in their respective counties for trials, hearings, or dispositions.

Receipts

The following table shows in detail receipts from fees, etc., all of which were paid into the treasury daily, and quarterly reports thereof made to the Governor and Council, as required by General Laws, (Tercentenary Edition) chapter 9, section 1:—

Commissions		$15,405.00
Corporations		347,374.53
Limited Partnerships		330.00
Trade-marks, Labels, etc.		9,325.00
Sale of Books, etc.		33,141.84
Certificates		2,395.50
Military Records		64.10
Copies: Corporations	$6,687.55	
Archives	4,638.76	
	$11,326.31	11,326.31
Advance Sheets		720.00
Vital Statistics		1,622.80
Miscellaneous receipts		894.15
		$422,599.23

Commissions

The number of commissions issued during the year ending November 30, 1935, was 3,506 (a decrease of 92 from the preceding year), of which 430 were without fee and 108 became void by reason of the failure of the appointees to take out the commissions or to qualify thereunder. The different classes were as follows:—

Notaries public	2,726
Justices of the peace	327
Justices of the peace to solemnize marriages	1
Justice, Supreme Court	1
Justices, Superior Court	4
Judge of Probate and Insolvency	1
Justices and special justices, municipal and district courts	13
Justices of the peace to issue warrants and take bail	2
Trial justices	7
Clerks, municipal and district courts	21
Recorder of Land Court	1
Reporter of Decisions	1
Masters in chancery	14
Public administrators	6
Special state police officers	50
Trustees, commissioners, etc.	175
Public warehousemen	30
Medical examiners	15
Associate medical examiners	13
Commissioners to qualify public officers	8
Members, Governor's Council	2
Commissioners in foreign countries	1
Board of Excise, City of Chelsea	1
Fall River Board of Finance	2
Fall River Board of Police	1
Finance Commission, City of Boston	6
Police Commissioner, City of Boston	1
Supervisors of Elections, City of Chelsea	40
Supervisors of Elections, City of Revere	20
Secretary to the Governor	2
Executive Secretary	1
Assistant Executive Secretary	1
Assistant Secretaries to the Governor	9
Executive Messenger	1
Assistant Executive Messengers	2
	3,506

Certificates to the number of 6,082 were issued, of which 1,291 were for certificates for which no fees are charged.

Corporation Division (Rooms 332 and 333)

The total number of certificates of incorporation issued under General Laws to new corporations for the fiscal year ending November 30, 1935, was 2,583—a decrease of 73 as compared with the fiscal year ending November 30, 1934. They were classified as follows:—

Business corporations (under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 156, section 12)	2,171
Religious, charitable, social, educational, musical, athletic, etc., corporations (under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 180, section 3)	361
Fraternal beneficiary corporations (under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 176, section 9)	13
Churches (under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 67, section 51)	10

Credit unions (under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 171, section 3) 21

Insurance companies (under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 175, section 49) 4

Trust company (under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 172, section 10) 1

Cooperative bank (under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 170, section 5) 1

Water company (under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 158, section 9) 1

The number of certificates of every description filed was 25,177—an increase of 116 as compared with the fiscal year ending November 30, 1934. Of these, 2,171 were articles of organization of business corporations (under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 156, section 12); 361 were articles of organization of religious, charitable, social and other organizations (under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 180); 1,123 were amendments of Massachusetts business corporations (under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 156, sections 16, 17, 42–45); 17,467 were certificates of condition of Massachusetts corporations (under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 158, section 37 and chapter 156, section 47); 2,040 were certificates of condition of foreign corporations (under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 181, section 12); 1,260 were reports of social and athletic organizations (under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 180, section 26A), and the others were divided among 38 other classes.

There were issued 35 certificates of change of name of corporations (under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 155, section 10, and chapter 180, section 11).

Returns were received of the dissolution of 20 corporations by the Supreme Judicial and Superior Courts.

Under the act relating to the incorporation of clubs, charters were refused in 37 cases, five charters declared void, and 23 applications for incorporations withdrawn. Under the law relative to change of name of clubs, one such application was refused and two applications withdrawn.

Limited partnership certificates to the number of 33 were filed. 3,302 certified copies of the records and certificates were supplied—a decrease of 246 as compared with the fiscal year ending November 30, 1934.

Labels, Trade-marks, etc.

By General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 110, section 8, which relates to the adoption and registration of labels, trade-marks, stamps and forms of advertisement, the duty is placed upon the Secretary of the Commonwealth of receiving and filing such labels, etc., and of issuing and recording certificates of record. Under this law, labels, trade-marks, stamps and forms of advertisement were received, and certificates of record issued and recorded in 362 cases.

Under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 110, section 8, which provides for the assignment of labels, trade-marks, stamps and forms of advertisement, eleven assignments were received, and certificates of registration issued.

Marks and Devices on Cans, etc.

Under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 110, section 21, which provides for the protection of dealers and consumers against the unlawful use and destruction of milk and ice cream cans, jugs, bottles, jars, tubs or cabinets, four descriptions of marks, devices, etc., were received and filed.

Vital Statistics Division (Room 334)

Under the provisions of General Laws (Tercentenary Edition), chapter 46, section 17, returns of births and marriages from 355 cities and towns and births from the State Infirmary at Tewksbury for the year 1934, which were received in 1935, cover 63,767 births and 30,241 marriages, an increase of 310 births and an increase of 4,292 marriages, as compared with the returns of 1933.

Under the provisions of the same law 50,760 certified copies of records of deaths

were received, covering a period from January 1, 1934, to December 31, 1934, a decrease of 72 as compared with the returns of 1933.

Medical examiners' returns for 1934 cover 9,145 an increase of 558 as compared with the returns for 1933.

Returns by clerks of courts and registers of probate of the decrees of divorce granted during 1934 number 3,645, an increase of 435 as compared with the returns for 1933.

These figures are fully compiled and analyzed in the annual registration report for 1934 (Public Document No. 1), and were available August 2, 1935.

During the year 2,612 certificates of birth, 1,353 certificates of marriage and 1,258 certificates of death were issued, a total of 5,223. Of these 1,902 were certified abstracts given for Soldiers' Relief and United States Government war claims without fee. There were 23,091 requests for records, an increase of 1,198 more than in 1934. Fees received from these certificates amounted to $1,622.80.

10,105 card abstracts of birth records for school, employment and enlistment purposes were issued without charge, an increase of 1,457.

There were 7,894 delayed records of birth and corrections of birth records received; 136 corrections of marriage and 72 corrections of death records were also received.

Changes of Names of Persons

The returns of 1,182 names, changed in 1934 as decreed by the several probate courts, were received and filed in compliance with the requirements of General Laws, (Tercentenary Edition), chapter 210, section 12.

Archives Division (Room 438)

There have been made during the fiscal year 61 military certificates, 14 typewritten copies, and 20,135 photostatic copies of legislative records and files, maps, corporation records, finger prints, etc.

The following fees have been received:

Military certificates, $63.10; typewritten copies, $16.00; photostatic copies, $4,623.76; totalling $4,702.86.

No volumes of Vital Records were purchased during the year, the usual annual appropriation for the purpose having been omitted.

Public Document Division (Room 118)

During the year 1935 the following publications were received for distribution through the Public Document Division: 77,441 volumes of the Public Document Series, representing 70 reports of the several State departments, boards and commissions; 11,000 copies of the 1935 pamphlet edition of the Session Laws; 600 copies each of the Senate and House Journals, 1935, total, 1,200 copies (from the Sergeant-at-Arms); 410 copies each of the Massachusetts Reports, Nos. 285, 286 and 287, total, 1,230 copies; 553 copies of the Proceedings of the sixty-ninth Annual Encampment, Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Massachusetts, 1935; 602 copies of the Proceedings of the Thirty-fifth Annual Encampment, United Spanish War Veterans, Department of Massachusetts, 1934; 1,425 copies of the Proceedings of the Sixteenth Annual Convention, The American Legion, Department of Massachusetts, 1934; 800 copies of the Proceedings of the Fourteenth Annual Encampment, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Massachusetts, 1934; 740 copies of the Proceedings of the Thirteenth Annual Convention, Disabled American Veterans of the World War, 1934; 51 copies of the 1934 report of the Finance Commission for the City of Lowell, which copies were received from the above commission; 203 copies of the 1934 report of the Fall River Board of Finance, which copies were received from the above board; 1,017 copies of the Statutes Relating to Credit Unions, 1935; 300 copies of the Journals of the House of Representatives, Vol. 15, 1737–38; 5,070 copies of the 1934 amendments to the Laws Relating to Insurance and Insurance Companies; 444 copies of edition of the Executive Council report on the return of votes for State Officers, 1934; 10,088 copies of the Manual of Fire Department Equipment and Practice; 10,500 copies of the Manual for the General Court, 1935–36; 15,010 copies of the Condensed Summary of Laws Relative to Innholders and Common Victuallers, 1934; 2,075 copies of chapters 43 and 43A,

General Laws, as amended to Dec. 31, 1934, relating to plans A, B, C and D, City Charters and Standard Form of Representative Town Meeting Government; making a grand total of 139,749 volumes that have passed through this division during the year.

Division of Public Records (Room 252)

Inspections

Under the provisions of General Laws, (Tercentenary Edition) Chapter 66, Section 1, there have been made by the Supervision of Records during the year 1935 inspections of the care, custody, condition and protection against fires of the public records of the departments and offices of the counties, cities and towns as follows:—

Acton, Acushnet, Adams, Agawam, Amherst, Andover, Ashburnham, Ashby, Ashfield, Ayer, Becket, Berkley, Billerica, Blandford, Boxford, Boylston, Brimfield, Brookfield, Canton, Carlisle, Carver, Charlemont, Charlton, Chelmsford, Cheshire, Clarksburg, Clinton, Cohasset, Dalton, Dartmouth, Dedham, Dighton, Dunstable, Duxbury, East Brookfield, Easthampton, Egremont, Fairhaven, FALL RIVER, FITCHBURG, Florida, Framingham, Freetown, GARDNER, Georgetown, Great Barrington, Groton, Groveland, Hancock, Harvard, Hatfield, HAVERHILL, Hawley, Heath, Hingham, Hinsdale, Holden, HOLYOKE, Hudson, Hull, Kingston, Lakeville, Lancaster, Lanesborough, LAWRENCE, Lee, LEOMINSTER, Leverett, Leyden, Lincoln, Littleton, LOWELL, Ludlow, MALDEN, Marion, MARLBOROUGH, Marshfield, Mattapoisett, Maynard, Medfield, MEDFORD, MELROSE, Millbury, Milton, Monroe, Montague, Mount Washington, Natick, New Ashford, NEW BEDFORD, New Braintree, NORTH ADAMS, North Andover, North Brookfield, Norwell, Norwood, Oakham, Otis, Oxford, Palmer, Paxton, Pepperell, Phillipston, PITTSFIELD, Plymouth, QUINCY, Reading, Richmond, Rochester, Rowe, Royalston, Rutland, Sandisfield, Savoy, Scituate, Sharon, Shirley, Shutesbury, Somerset, Southampton, Southwick, Spencer, Sterling, Stockbridge, Stoneham, Stoughton, Stow, Sudbury, Sunderland, Sutton, Swansea, TAUNTON, Templeton, Tewksbury, Townsend, Wakefield, Wales, Walpole, Wareham, Warren, Washington, Wayland, Webster, Wellesley, West Boylston, West Brookfield, West Springfield, WESTFIELD, West ford, Westhampton, Weston, Westport, Weymouth, Whately, Wilbraham, Williamstown, Winchendon, Windsor, WOBURN.

During the year 14 vaults and 10 safes have been approved by this office.

Fires

An early morning fire December 15, 1934, totally destroyed the Fitchburg Senior High School. All records were removed to a place of safety before the fire enveloped the entire structure.

An early morning fire December 18, 1934, totally destroyed the Abington High School. No records were lost.

An early morning fire January 7, 1935, damaged the Town Hall at Ware. The cabinet of Standards of the Sealer of Weights and Measures was lost but has been replaced by a new set. The vault and safes in which the records were kept preserved their contents intact.

An early morning fire January 8, 1935, totally destroyed the Town Hall at Chester. Ballot Box, counting boards and voting booths were lost. The records were kept in a vault in the brick office building near the Town Hall.

An early morning fire January 24, 1935, burned the office of the Town Clerk at Maynard. The safes in which the records were kept preserved their contents intact.

An early evening fire April 24, 1935, damaged May Hall, the administration building of the State Teachers College at Framingham. Records were removed to an adjoining building.

An early morning fire June 7, 1935, destroyed the Clinton High School. Many volumes of the school library were lost. Records were removed to a place of safety.

City Halls

No new City Halls have been built during the year. Lowell has taken a building outside the City Hall for the Health Clinic. Alterations have been made during the

year on the Salem City Hall by the re-arrangement of offices and the construction of a vault.

Town Halls

The new Town Hall at Ware is nearing completion and will soon be ready for occupancy. Plans are prepared for a new Town Hall for Norwell. Alterations have been made during the year on the following town halls: Acton, Chatham, Cohasset, Dedham, Kingston, West Boylston, and West Bridgewater by the construction of vaults. The new High School at Dighton will also house the Selectmens' office and a vault for town records.

Barnstable County

A new County Jail at Barnstable, Mass.

District Courts

Plymouth County is constructing a new vault in the Court House at Middleborough; also one for the Police Department.

Repairing and Binding

Records have been repaired and rebound during the year for the towns of Dennis, Egremont, Falmouth, Great Barrington, Hull, Mendon, Norwell, Oxford, Rockport, Templeton, and Tyringham: Registry of Deeds at Plymouth.

Typewriter Ribbons and Stamping Pads

A printed list of approved typewriter ribbons and stamping pads will be published later for distribution.

Census Division

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 25 of the Acts of 1934, forms, blanks and instructions were prepared and forwarded to the Mayor of each city and the Selectmen of each town in the Commonwealth, in ample time for them to begin the enumeration of their municipality, on January 1, 1935.

By the Census Act each municipality was required to forward to the Secretary of the Commonwealth the completed returns, together with a sworn statement of the total of the population obtained, on or before June 30, 1935.

In accordance with the provisions of the Census Act forms and blanks were sent to the Election Commissioners or Registrars of Voters in ample time for them to make their returns to this office of the number of registered voters on file at the close of business on December 31, 1934. The law required that these returns be received not later than June 30, 1935.

The results of the Census will be published in pamphlet form early in 1936.

Advertising Massachusetts

Under an item in the budget, incorporated on recommendation of His Excellency the Governor, the secretary was charged with the dissemination of information relative to the advantages and desirability of Massachusetts for industrial, recreational and other purposes. The appropriation was $100,000 and of this amount $34,500 was allocated to the New England Council, to be used in conjunction with moneys appropriated by the other five New England States, by agreement of the Governors, to advertise New England.

Unfortunately this appropriation was not made until the vacation season was almost upon us and there was not sufficient time to formulate a wholly satisfactory program.

The Commonwealth was most fortunate in assistance it received in this work. The Advertising Club of Boston offered its services and advice and through its efforts we were enabled to interest three of the outstanding advertising men of America in our task,—Frank A. Black, a director of William Filene's Sons Company and Treasurer of the Advertising Federation of America; Allyn B. McIntire, Vice President of the Pepperell Manufacturing Company and President of the Association of National Advertisers; and Bennett L. Moore, Assistant Vice President of the Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, in charge of advertising and sales promotion. All Massachusetts men, interested in our problems, the service they so

freely gave contributed much to the success of the campaign. No major features of the work were undertaken until they had been fully discussed with them and met with their approval.

The Kenyon Advertising Agency was employed to prepare and place the advertising. A bureau consisting of a supervisor and an assistant was set up in the Secretary's office to answer inquiries, distribute literature and perform other duties incidental to the advertising.

Actual advertising started Sunday, June 26, with full page rotogravure, in the New York Times, New York Herald-Tribune, Philadelphia Inquirer, Cleveland Plain Dealer, Pittsburgh Press, Cincinnati Inquirer and Washington Post.

This was followed with half page rotogravure Sunday, June 30, in four of these papers. Two hundred line advertisements were run in thirty-five daily newspapers east of the Mississippi. The total circulation of the media used was 19,500,000.

In response to this advertising, inquiries were received from every state in the Union and from fifteen foreign countries.

Approximately ten per cent of the inquiries asked for special information regarding hotel rates and facilities, historical points of interest, transportation, etc. The balance requested one or more of the pamphlets offered in the advertisements.

A list of the names of the inquirers was sent to the one hundred fifteen Chambers of Commerce, civic and hotel organizations in the Commonwealth, and where special information was requested, regarding a certain section, a special form was sent to all the organizations in that section. A total of twenty-eight hundred such special forms were sent out.

In addition to the paid advertising, there was obtained nearly 100,000 lines of free publicity in one hundred twelve publications in eighty-one cities and towns. This included one hundred forty-two photographs showing various sections of Massachusetts. The estimated value of the free publicity was over $35,000.

The following pamphlets were offered for distribution:

Massachusetts Pictorial
Massachusetts Road Map
Massachusetts—The Sportsman's Paradise
Colonial Massachusetts
Your Summer or All-Year Estate or Cottage in Massachusetts.
Massachusetts—Its Industrial, Agricultural and Economic Resources

Massachusetts Pictorial contained a directory of literature which listed booklets obtainable from civic organizations, historical societies, transportation and oil companies, etc.

Booklets were sent in quantity to automobile clubs, tourist agencies, information booths, hotels, railroad and steamship companies and gasoline stations.

The Secretary's office cooperated with various Massachusetts groups attending national conventions during the year and furnished them literature with a view to bringing their next conventions to Massachusetts. According to reports received, this literature was extremely effective in the selection of Massachusetts as the meeting place in 1936 for several large conventions.

Cooperation in the way of supplying photographs for displays and literature was rendered to railroads and steamship companies, bus lines and tourist bureaus in their work to stimulate traffic to Massachusetts.

Through the state police, local police and information booths, automobile window stickers and guest cards were distributed to visiting motorists.

Twenty-nine outdoor advertising signs on the main traffic highways into the state were contracted for with six outdoor advertising companies.

It is of course impossible to know the real success of advertising of this kind, but reports from various recreation centers of the state indicate a larger vacation business than for many years.

If this work is to be undertaken in 1936, it is desirable that it be authorized earlier in the year than in 1935 in order that advertising may be prepared and placed in such publications as are read by the vacationing and touring public, and before many of them have definitely decided upon their vacation goal.

Legislative Counsel and Agents' Expenses

In compliance with General Laws, (Tercentenary Edition) chapter 3, sections

39 to 50 inclusive, relative to legislative counsel and agents' expenses incurred or paid in connection with promoting or opposing legislation during the last regular session of the General Court, there were 266 entries made in the dockets, an increase of 34 as compared with 1934.

Returns covering 263 entries were received from persons, associations or corporations employing legislative counsel and agents. Two employers who failed to file returns within the time prescribed by law were reported to the Attorney-General, together with two returns which appeared not to conform to law.

The total amount reported as paid to legislative counsel and agents was $102,240.06. In addition to this amount $16,293.16 representing annual salaries or retainers apportioned, and $48,516.68 unapportioned, was reported. Twenty-seven employers stated that they paid nothing.

Proclamations

The proclamations of His Excellency the Governor were printed and distributed under the direction of this office. For the observance of each of the following 11,000 copies were distributed to churches, schools, institutions, patriotic societies, postmasters and city and town clerks:—Lincoln Day, February 12, 1935; Spanish War Memorial Day and Maine Memorial Day, February 15, 1935; Boston Massacre, March 5, 1935; Patriots Day, April 19, 1935; Flag Day, June 14, 1935; Bunker Hill Day, June 17, 1935; Commodore John Barry Day, September 13, 1935; Pulaski Day, October 11, 1935; Armistice Day, November 11, 1935, Indian Day, November 25, 1935, and Thanksgiving Day, November 28, 1935. Eleven thousand copies of the Arbor and Bird Day proclamations were mailed to churches, schools, granges, agricultural societies, institutions, postmasters and city and town clerks.

Fire Prevention Week was designated to include the week of October 6, 1935, and 6,650 copies of the Governor's proclamation were distributed to the fire chiefs of the Commonwealth for churches, schools and post offices.

In observance of the three hundrecth anniversary of the founding of the Boston Public Latin School 600 copies of the Governor's proclamation were distributed to the schools. American Education Week was designated to include the week of November 11, 1935, and 11,000 copies of the Governor's proclamation were distributed to churches, schools, institutions, patriotic societies, postmasters and city and town clerks.

In observance of Conservation Week, April 8 to 13, 1935, Humane Sunday, April 7, 1935 and"Be Kind to Animals Week," April 8 to 13, 1935, proclamations were issued by His Excellency the Governor to the press.

Pardons, Commutations, Respites, Requisitions, etc.

The number of pardons made out and issued during the year was 36, of which 26 were granted under parole conditions, 1 conditional, and 9 full and complete; commutations, 2; respites, 7; remanders, 3; requisitions: upon other States 93, upon the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States 1, and upon the Secretary of State of the United States for extradition requests upon foreign countries 4; and warrants issued upon requisitions from other States, 33.

Initiative Petitions

Eight initiative petitions, accompanied by bills, and each with the requisite certificate of the Attorney General attached, were filed with the Secretary of the Commonwealth during the year, under the provisions of Article XLVIII of the Amendments to the Constitution, as follows:—

For An Act repealing the laws relative to horse and dog racing under the pari-mutuel system of betting and abolishing the state racing commission.

(Filed September 4, 1935; on November 5, 1935, 21,771 subsequent signatures of qualified voters had been filed.)

Description of Proposed Law

The proposed measure repeals G. L. (Ter. Ed.) chapter 128A, which chapter authorizes the licensing of horse and dog racing on which the pari-mutuel system of betting is permitted.

For An Act with relation to public stands for the use of taxicabs and motor vehicles for hire in cities.

(Filed September 4, 1935; on December 4, 1935, 31,111 subsequent signatures of qualified voters had been filed.)

Description of Proposed Law

The proposed measure provides that in any city which accepts its terms the licensing authorities shall establish free public stands for the use of all taxicabs and motor vehicles for hire, and shall abolish all other forms of such stands.

For An Act for the purchase and development of state forests.

(Filed October 1, 1935; on December 4, 1935, 23,207 subsequent signatures of qualified voters had been filed.)

Description of Proposed Law

This measure authorizes the Commissioner of Conservation to purchase within ten years lands within the Commonwealth, to the extent of not more than 500,000 acres, suitable for the production of timber, and to reclaim them for the purpose of producing timber and protecting the water supply. The lands are to be paid for at a rate not to exceed an average cost of five dollars an acre or at such price as may be established by the legislature.

The three foregoing petitions were transmitted to the General Court January 1, 1936.

For An Act providing Additional Revenue for the Financing of the Old Age Assistance Law and Additional Revenue for Cities and Towns of the Commonwealth by the Conduct of State Lotteries.

(Filed September 4, 1935; no subsequent signatures of qualified voters filed.)

For An Act for the repeal of an act authorizing the licensing of horse and dog races on which the Pari-Mutuel system of betting has been permitted.

(Two petitions filed; (1) September 17, 1935, (1) September 23, 1935; no subsequent signatures of qualified voters filed.)

For An Act Relative to Establishment of an Old Age Pension System within The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

(Filed September 23, 1935; no subsequent signatures of qualified voters filed.)

For An Act relative to the licensing and regulation of hackney carriages and hackney stands in the cities of the Commonwealth.

(Filed October 11, 1935; no subsequent signatures of qualified voters filed.)

Rules and Regulations of State Departments

By General Laws (Tercentenary Edition), chapter 30, section 37, certain rules and regulations of departments, commissions, boards or officials vested by law with the power to make and issue rules and regulations general in scope, and to be observed or performed under penalty for the violation thereof, shall not take effect until attested copies thereof have been filed with the Secretary of the Commonwealth. Under this law rules and regulations were filed by the following departments during the year 1935: Department of Agriculture, Department of Civil Service and Registration, Department of Conservation, Department of Labor and Industries, Department of Public Health, Department of Public Safety, Department of Public Utilities, Board of Tax Appeals and Metropolitan District Commission.

Miscellaneous

The two reports from this office which form a part of the Public Document series, namely, Returns of Births, Marriages, Divorces and Deaths (Public Document No. 1) and Election Statistics, (Public Document No. 43) have been made, as required by law.

Frederic W. Cook,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Returns from Cities and Towns Relative to Action taken under Certain Provisions of the General Laws
(Tercentenary Edition)

When Received	City or Town	Subject and Reference	Action	Date of Action
1935				
Jan. 22	Medford	Disposition of burnt or dangerous buildings, G. L. 139, ss. 1, 2 and 3	Accepted	Jan. 18, 1935
Feb. 20	Athol	Licensed boxing matches, G. L. 147, ss. 32–47	Accepted	Feb. 18, 1935
Mar. 13	Revere	Municipal pensions for school janitors, G. L. 32, ss. 44 and 45	Accepted	Mar. 8, 1935
Mar. 20	Somerville	Disposition of burnt or dangerous buildings, G. L. 139, ss. 1, 2 and 3	Accepted	Mar. 18, 1935
Mar. 23	Arlington	Standard form of representative town meeting government, G. L. 43A	Accepted	Mar. 4, 1935
Mar. 30	Ashland	Collection of water rates, G. L. 40, ss. 42A–42F	Accepted	Mar. 6, 1935
Mar. 30	Ashland	Public baths or wash houses, G. L. 40, s. 12	Accepted	Mar. 6, 1935
Apr. 1	Revere	Certain sports and games permitted on the Lord's day, G. L. 136, ss. 21–25	Accepted	Mar. 28, 1935
Apr. 4	Webster	Workmen's compensation for foremen, sub-foremen and inspectors, G. L. 152, ss. 69–75	Accepted	Mar. 26, 1935
Apr. 6	Holyoke	Sunday sales, G. L. 136, ss. 7 and 8	Accepted	Apr. 3, 1935
Apr. 11	Somerville	Repair or removal of dangerous structures and buildings, G. L. 143, ss. 6–12	Accepted	Mar. 29, 1935
Apr. 17	Clinton	Disposition of burnt or dangerous buildings, G. L. 139, ss. 1, 2 and 3	Accepted	Feb. 25, 1935
Apr. 18	Watertown	Certain sports and games permitted on the Lord's day, G. L. 136, ss. 21–25	Accepted	Apr. 10, 1935
Apr. 24	Saugus	Reserve police forces in certain towns, 1930, 15 (G. L. 147, s. 13A	Accepted	Mar. 25, 1935
May 8	Milford	Civil service for regular and call firemen, G. L. 31, s. 48	Accepted	Mar. 9, 1934
May 8	Hull	Workmen's compensation for injuries sustained by certain public employees, 1927, 309, s. 12 (G.L. 152, s. 69)	Accepted	Apr. 27, 1935
May 13	Canton	Pensions for policemen and firemen, G. L. 32, s. 85	Accepted	Mar. 4, 1935
June 4	Worcester	Absent voting at city elections, 1933, 313 (G. L. 54, s. 103A)	Accepted	May 31, 1935
June 6	Marion	Municipal advertising, 1930, 223 (G. L. 40, s. 6A)	Accepted	June 3, 1935
June 6	Marlborough	Absent voting at city elections, 1933, 313 (G. L. 54, s. 103A)	Accepted	May 20, 1935
June 12	Winchendon	Certain sports and games permitted on the Lord's day, G. L. 136, ss. 21–25	Accepted	Mar. 10, 1934
June 28	Scituate	Collection of water rates, G. L. 40, ss. 42A–42F	Accepted	Mar. 11, 1935
July 16	Norwood	Laying out of sewers and pipes in unaccepted ways, G. L. 82, s. 25	Accepted	July 12, 1935
July 19	Medford	Removal of dangerous buildings, G. L. 143, ss. 6–12	Accepted	July 5, 1935
Aug. 24	Peabody	Municipal pensions for school janitors, G. L. 32, ss. 44 and 45	Accepted	Aug. 23, 1935
Sept. 25	Athol	Certain sports and games permitted on the Lord's day, G. L. 136, ss. 21–25	Accepted	Sept. 23, 1935
Sept. 28	Winchendon	Collection of water rates, G. L. 40, ss. 42A–42F	Accepted	Sept. 6, 1935
Nov. 20	Somerville	Workmen's compensation for injuries sustained by certain public employees, 1927, 309, s. 12 (G.L. 152, s. 69)	Accepted	Nov. 16, 1935
Nov. 23	Lowell	Certain sports and games permitted on the Lord's day, G. L. 136, ss. 21–25	Accepted	Nov. 21, 1935

RETURNS RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF CERTAIN SPECIAL ACTS PASSED BY THE GENERAL COURT AND REFERRED TO THE VOTERS, TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF A CITY, TO THE SELECTMEN OF A TOWN, OR THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF A COUNTY

When Received	From Whom Received	Title of Act	Date of Action	Vote	
				Yes	No
1934					
Dec. 8	City Clerk, Medford	An Act relative to indemnification of certain public employees for damages sustained through operation of certain publicly owned vehicles (1934, 291)	Dec. 6, 1934	–[1]	–
Dec. 13	City Clerk, Taunton	An Act providing for the election of councilmen by wards in the city of Taunton (1934, 253)	Dec. 4, 1934	4,067	2,536
1935					
Jan. 3	City Clerk, Fall River	An Act providing for the repair, control and maintenance of the Slade's Ferry Bridge, so called, over the Taunton river between the city of Fall River and the town of Somerset (1934, 367)	Dec. 31, 1934	–[2]	–
Jan. 8	Clerk, Board of Selectmen, Somerset	An Act providing for the repair, control and maintenance of the Slade's Ferry bridge, so called, over the Taunton river between the city of Fall River and the town of Somerset (1934, 367)	Jan. 4, 1935	–[3]	–
Jan. 25	Clerk, Boston Elevated Railway Company	An Act providing unified transportation service in certain parts of the Boston Metropolitan District (1932, 299)	Jan. 23, 1935	–[4]	–
Jan. 31	City Clerk, Salem	An Act providing for biennial municipal elections in the city of Salem (1933, 133)	Dec. 5, 1933	7,948	2,013
Feb. 19	Town Clerk, Millis	An Act placing the office of chief of police of the town of Millis under the civil service laws (1935, 2)	Feb. 11, 1935	408	388
Feb. 21	City Clerk, Brockton	An Act relative to indemnification of certain public employees for damages sustained through operation of certain publicly owned vehicles (1934, 291)	Feb. 20, 1935	–[2]	–
Mar. 16	Town Clerk, Deerfield	An Act placing the office of chief of police of the town of Deerfield under the civil service laws(1935, 6)	Mar. 4, 1935	272	407
Mar. 18	Assistant Clerk, Middlesex County Commissioners	An Act authorizing the appointment of an additional court officer for the third district court of Eastern Middlesex (1935, 71)	Mar. 15, 1935	–[5]	–
Mar. 19	Town Clerk, Ipswich	An Act authorizing the town of Ipswich to borrow money for school purposes (1934, 240)	Mar. 11, 1935	924	585
Mar. 19	Town Clerk, West Springfield	An Act authorizing the appointment in the town of West Springfield of a town physician (1935, 7)	Mar. 6, 1935	59	21
Mar. 27	Deputy Assistant Clerk, Essex County Commissioners	An Act providing for a fifth assistant clerk of courts for the county of Essex (1935, 89)	Mar. 26, 1935	–[6]	–
Mar. 30	Town Clerk, South Hadley	An Act establishing non-partisan municipal elections in the town of South Hadley (1935, 11)	Mar. 4, 1935	1,238	490
Mar. 30	Town Clerk, South Hadley	An Act further regulating the use of traps and other devices for the capture of fur-bearing animals and providing for local option thereon (1934, 275)	Mar. 4, 1935	910	664
Apr. 3	City Clerk, Boston	An Act providing for modification of the terms and conditions under which the Boston Elevated Railway Company is using certain alterations in and extensions to the Boylston Street subway and making certain changes relative to payments in connection with such use (1935, 100)	Apr. 2, 1935	–[2]	–
Apr. 5	City Clerk, Gardner	An Act excluding loan orders by the city of Gardner from certain provisions of its charter relating to publication of measures and their subjection to referendum (1935, 65)	Apr. 2, 1935	–[2]	–

RETURNS RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF CERTAIN SPECIAL ACTS PASSED BY THE GENERAL COURT AND REFERRED TO THE VOTERS, TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF A CITY, TO THE SELECTMEN OF A TOWN, OR THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF A COUNTY —*Continued*

When Received	From Whom Received	Title of Act	Date of Action	Vote	
				Yes	No
Apr. 17	Town Clerk, Clinton	An Act designating the chief engineer of the fire department of the town of Clinton as chief of the fire department of said town, and placing the office of said chief under the civil service laws (1935, 10)	Mar. 4, 1935	2,533	1,694
Apr. 24	City Clerk, Boston	An Act providing for the construction of a municipal building in the East Boston district of the city of Boston (1934, 178)	Dec. 27, 1934	–	–[7]
Apr. 24	City Clerk, Boston	An Act providing for construction of a car stop in the extension of the Boylston street subway under Beacon street in the city of Boston (1934, 268)	Aug. 2, 1934	–	–[7]
Apr. 25	Town Clerk, Brookline	An Act amending the laws relative to the retirement system in the town of Brookline (1934, 72)	Mar. 20, 1934	–[8]	–
Apr. 25	Town Clerk, Braintree	An Act establishing a town manager form of government for the town of Braintree (1934, 321)	Mar. 4, 1935	1,130	2,593
Apr. 25	Town Clerk, Needham	An Act relative to the payment of the cost of construction of particular sewers and connecting drains in the town of Needham (1934, 29)	Mar. 26, 1934	–[9]	–
Apr. 25	Town Clerk, Danvers	An Act authorizing the town of Danvers to establish a board of public works exercising the powers of certain other boards, departments and town officers (1934, 26)	Mar. 5, 1934	925	990
Apr. 29	City Clerk, Waltham	An Act establishing the financial year of the city of Waltham (1934, 38)	Apr. 9, 1934	–[2]	–
Apr. 29	Town Clerk, Essex	An Act authorizing the town of Essex to supply itself and its inhabitants with water (1934, 261)	July 13, 1934	–[8]	–
May 1	City Clerk, Haverhill	An Act designating the chief engineer of the fire department of the city of Haverhill as chief of the fire department of said city, and placing the office of said chief under the civil service laws (1934, 119)	Dec. 4, 1934	11,131	3,227
May 7	City Clerk, Beverly	An Act authorizing the city of Beverly to compensate the members of its board of aldermen (1934, 159)	Nov. 6, 1934	2,757	4,424
May 8	Town Clerk, Milford	An Act establishing in the town of Milford representative town government by limited town meetings (1933, 271)	Mar. 5, 1934	–[9]	–
May 8	Town Clerk, Milford	An Act providing retirement allowances and disability and death benefits based on annuity and pension contributions for regular police officers of the town of Milford (1935, 58)	Mar. 18, 1935	–[9]	–
May 15	Secretary, Hebrew Women's Sewing Society	An Act empowering the Hebrew Women's Sewing Society, located in Boston, to transfer its property to the Associated Jewish Philanthropies, Inc. (1935, 34)	Apr. 9, 1935	–[10]	–
May 28	City Clerk, Somerville	An Act relative to indemnification of certain public employees for damages sustained through operation of certain publicly owned vehicles (1934, 291)	May 24, 1935	–[1]	–
May 30	Assistant Clerk, Essex County Commissioners	An Act authorizing the county of Essex to increase the retirement allowance of Daniel A. MacKinnon (1935, 273)	May 24, 1935	–[6]	–
June 3	Assistant Clerk, Middlesex County Commissioners	An Act relative to military service of county employees (1935, 205)	May 31, 1935	–[5]	–
June 4	Clerk, Associated Jewish Philanthropies, Inc.	An Act empowering the Hebrew Women's Sewing Society, located in Boston, to transfer its property to the Associated Jewish Philanthropies, Inc. (1935, 34)	May 31, 1935	–[11]	–

June 8	Clerk, Worcester County Commissioners	An Act relative to military service of county employees (1935, 205)	June 4, 1935	–[12]	–
June 8	City Clerk, Cambridge	An Act relative to military service of county employees (1935, 205)	June 7, 1935	–[2]	–
June 19	City Clerk, Boston	An Act subjecting to classification that portion of the salaries of the court officers and messenger of the Supreme Judicial Court in Suffolk County payable by said county (1935, 182)	June 15, 1935	–[2]	–
July 1	Deputy Assistant Clerk, Essex County Commissioners	An Act establishing the salary of the justice of the district court of Peabody (1935, 366)	June 28, 1935	–[6]	–
July 16	City Clerk, Westfield	An Act relative to the election of the president of the city council of the city of Westfield (1935, 16)	July 8, 1935	–	–[13]
July 19	City Clerk, Medford	An Act authorizing the city of Medford to use certain park land in said city for general municipal purposes (1935, 79)	July 5, 1935	–[1]	–
July 29	Deputy Asst. Clerk, Essex County Commissioners	An Act providing for the appointment of a court officer and a messenger for the probate court of Essex County (1935, 313)	July 26, 1935	–	–[14]
Sept. 3	City Clerk, Boston	An Act to provide for the construction of tunnels or subways in the city of Boston and the purchase and removal of certain elevated structures in said city, with the aid of federal funds (1935, 492)	Sept. 3, 1935	–[2]	–
Sept. 3	District Clerk, Salisbury Reclamation District	An Act authorizing the construction by the department of public works of a dike and incidental structures in tide water within the territory of the Salisbury reclamation district (1935, 399)	Aug. 14, 1935	–[15]	–
Sept. 3	City Clerk, Fitchburg	An Act providing retirement allowances based on annuity and pension contributions for employees of the city of Fitchburg (1935, 450)	July 30, 1935	–[16]	–
Sept. 21	City Clerk, Lowell	An Act relative to the pensioning of laborers in the employ of the city of Lowell (1935, 432)	Sept. 20, 1935	–[16]	–
Oct. 5	Secretary, The New York, New Haven and Hartford R.R. Co.	An Act reallocating the cost of the repair of the Slade's Ferry Bridge, so called, over the Taunton river (1935, 488)	Sept. 25, 1935	–[17]	–
Oct. 29	Clerk, Board of Selectmen, Blandford	An Act authorizing the transfer of the Taggart Fund, so called, to the town of Blandford (1935, 124)	May 10, 1935	–[18]	–
Oct. 29	Clerk, Board of Trustees, Taggart Fund, Blandford	An Act authorizing the transfer of the Taggart Fund, so called, in the town of Blandford (1935, 124)	April 27, 1935	–[19]	–
Oct. 31	Chairman, Norfolk County Commissioners	An Act authorizing the county commissioners of Norfolk county to build and equip a nurses' home at the Norfolk county tuberculosis hospital (1935, 245)	May 21, 1935	–[20]	–
Nov. 12	City Clerk, Marlborough	An Act subjecting the office of chief of police of the city of Marlborough to the civil service laws (1935, 44)	Nov. 5, 1935	2,514	3,575
Nov. 16	City Clerk, Fitchburg	An Act subjecting the office of the commissioner of soldiers' relief and state and military aid of the city of Fitchburg to the civil service laws (1935, 168)	Nov. 5, 1935	–[9]	–
Nov. 16	City Clerk, Fitchburg	An Act providing retirement allowances based on annuity and pension contributions for employees of the city of Fitchburg (1935, 450)	Nov. 5, 1935	–[9]	–
Nov. 20	City Clerk, Worcester	An Act authorizing certain loans by the city of Worcester for the purpose of constructing junior high school or combined senior and junior high school buildings (1935, 108)	Nov. 5, 1935	33,855	17,737
Nov. 20	City Clerk, Worcester	An Act subjecting the offices of commissioner of soldiers' relief and state and military aid and supervisor of soldiers' and sailors' graves in the city of Worcester to the civil service laws (1935, 170)	Nov. 5, 1935	35,854	15,077

[1]Accepted by the board of aldermen.
[2]Accepted by the mayor and city council.
[3]Accepted by the board of selectmen of Somerset.
[4]Accepted by the Boston Elevated Railway Company.
[5]Accepted by the county commissioners of Middlesex County.
[6]Accepted by the county commissioners of Essex County.
[7]Rejected by the mayor.
[8]Adopted by unanimous vote.
[9]Accepted, affirmative and negative votes not returned.
[10]Accepted by the board of directors of the Hebrew Women's Sewing Society.
[11]Accepted by the executive committee of the Associated Jewish Philanthropies, Inc.
[12]Accepted by the county commissioners of Worcester County.
[13]Rejected by the city council.
[14]Rejected by the county commissioners of Essex County.
[15]Accepted by the proprietors of the Salisbury reclamation district.
[16]Accepted by the city council.
[17]Accepted by the directors of The New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company.
[18]Accepted by the board of selectmen of Blandford.
[19]Accepted by the trustees of the Taggart Fund in Blandford.
[20]Accepted by the county commissioners of Norfolk County.

Abstract of the Returns of the Sheriffs of the Several Counties of the Commonwealth for the Year Ending September 30, 1935, in Compliance with General Laws, Chapter 37, Section 23

Counties	Amount of Money Received					Number of Days' Attendance			
	From County Treasurer	From All Other Sources	Total	For Fees in Civil Processes	For Fees in Criminal Processes	Upon the Court	Upon County Commissioners	Upon More than One Tribunal Simultaneously	Total
Barnstable	$2,640 00	$1,055 00	$3,695 00	–	–	32	27	4	63
Berkshire	3,414 45	–	3,414 45	–	–	68	16	3	87
Bristol	4,553 13	5,105 00	9,658 13	–	–	122	4	6	132
Dukes	613 50	127 65	741 15	$125 25	$2 00	7	–	–	7
Essex	5,682 59	15,211 00	20,893 59	–	–	189	–	143	332
Franklin	1,500 00	437 00	1,937 00	–	–	45	–	–	45
Hampden	3,673 12	5,030 00	8,703 12	–	–	136	30	14	180
Hampshire	3,541 21	3,230 00	6,771 21	–	–	55	16	3	74
Middlesex	4,694 36	18,383 62	23,077 98	–	–	1,057	–	182	1,239
Nantucket	873 29	90 00	963 29	–	–	5	–	–	5
Norfolk	4,005 12	6,666 53	10,671 65	–	–	215	–	80	295
Plymouth	4,491 50	6,650 00	11,141 50	–	–	142	37	28	207
Suffolk	3,000 00	29,478 25	32,478 25	–	–	3,158	–	–	3,158
Worcester	2,700 00	11,872 14	14,572 14	–	–	593	150	–	743
Total	$45,382 27	$103,336 19	$148,718 46	$125 25	$2 00	5,824	280	463	6,567

Abstract and Tabular Statement of the Returns relative to the Law, Equity, Divorce and Criminal Business of the Superior Court for the Year ending June 30, 1935, in Compliance with General Laws, Chapter 221, Section 24, as Amended. (Naturalization Business not included.)

Counties	Civil Cases																							
	Number Pending at Beginning of Year			Number New Cases Entered During the Year			Number Disposed of in Previous Years and Brought Forward This Year			Number Transferred from Law to Equity.	Number Transferred from Equity to Law.	Number Finally Disposed of				Number Pending at End of Year, Including Pending Inactive Cases				Number Tried during Year				Number of Equity Cases in which Issues were Tried to a Jury.
												Law				Law				Law				
	Law	Equity	Divorce and Nullity	Law	Equity	Divorce and Nullity	Law	Equity	Divorce and Nullity			Jury	Without Jury	Equity	Divorce and Nullity	Jury	Without Jury	Equity	Divorce and Nullity	Jury	Without Jury	Equity	Divorce and Nullity	
Barnstable	360	44	–	167	19	–	–	–	–	–	–	151	17	11	–	292	67	52	–	33	5	3	–	–
Berkshire	534	127	–	284	24	–	–	–	–	–	–	250	34	12	–	454	80	139	–	40	8	6	–	–
Bristol	2,037	414	1	975	128	–	–	–	–	–	–	833	146	77	–	1,677	356	465	1	220	37	8	–	–
Dukes	45	4	3	15	2	–	–	–	–	–	–	18	2	5	–	24	16	1	3	3	1	–	–	–
Essex	6,103	771	–	2,041	240	–	–	–	–	–	2	2,150	152	208	–	5,102	742	805	–	254	109	75	–	2
Franklin	239	64	–	129	10	–	–	–	–	–	1	130	11	17	–	180	48	57	–	26	7	14	–	–
Hampden	4,317	586	43	1,904	170	4	–	–	–	–	–	1,524	135	124	7	4,022	540	632	40	196	37	27	4	2
Hampshire	444	78	2	232	17	–	–	–	–	–	–	212	10	5	–	389	64	90	2	66	2	–	–	–
Middlesex	10,804	1,294	5	3,574	404	1	27	4	–	1	3	3,615	191	376	1	9,577	1,025	1,327	5	411	114	66	1	1
Nantucket	52	1	–	23	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	10	7	2	–	25	33	–	–	2	1	2	–	–
Norfolk	3,643	323	5	1,111	80	2	–	–	–	–	–	1,087	65	61	1	2,891	711	342	6	115	23	9	3	–
Plymouth	1,403	230	98	456	67	58	3	1	–	2	–	484	47	48	68	1,162	169	252	88	109	13	6	54	1
Suffolk	30,205	5,268	16	8,991	1,546	–	10	–	–	5	8	10,016	1,080	1,497	–	23,201	4,917	5,322	16	741	425	388	–	4
Worcester	5,985	532	2	2,173	173	1	–	–	–	–	–	2,765	311	382	–	4,805	277	323	3	144	35	51	–	1
Total	66,171	9,736	175	22,075	2,881	66	40	5	–	8	14	23,245	2,208	2,825	77	53,801	9,045	9,807	164	2,360	817	655	62	11

Abstract and Tabular Statement of the Returns relative to the Law, Equity, Divorce and Criminal Business of the Superior Court for the Year ending June 30, 1935, in Compliance with General Laws, Chapter 221, Section 24, as Amended. (Naturalization Business not included.)—*concluded.*

Counties	Civil Cases														Criminal Cases									
	Number Awaiting Trial at End of Year				Number Marked Inactive During the Year Under Rule of the Court				Number Marked Inactive at Any Time Pending at End of Year, and Subject to Dismissal under the Rule				Number of Days during which Court has Sat for Hearings or Trials											
	Law				Law				Law															
	Jury	Without Jury	Equity	Divorce and Nullity	Jury	Without Jury	Equity	Divorce and Nullity	Jury	Without Jury	Equity	Divorce and Nullity	Jury	Without Jury	Number Remaining at First of Year.	Number of Indictments Returned.	Number of Appeal Cases.	Number of Actions on Bail Bonds or Recognizances Entered.	Number Disposed of in Previous Years, Brought Forward for Redisposition.	Number Disposed of during Year.	Number Remaining at End of Year.	Number Tried During Year.	Number Awaiting Trial at End of Year.	Number of Days during which Court has Sat for Trials, Hearings or Dispositions.
Barnstable	284	57	38	–	17	6	2	–	55	24	16	–	23½	4½	37	40	113	–	3	162	31	16	18	9
Berkshire	423	55	72	–	24	3	18	–	75	25	57	–	48	5	84	36	108	–	–	151	77	36	69	19
Bristol	1,580	171	148	1	118	34	55	–	233	94	130	–	137	50	210	420	388	1	10	847	182	117	159	82
Dukes	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	[1] 4	–	23	2	11	–	–	15	21	–	–	[1] –
Essex	5,082	721	685	–	435	109	10	–	1,110	304	298	–	287	96	199	537	[2] 1,254	21	35	1,886	160	270	119	193
Franklin	76	8	16	–	11	5	6	–	45	20	13	–	32	5	55	53	52	–	1	87	74	68	35	8½
Hampden	4,004	537	621	39	251	96	91	6	730	284	263	35	170	64	167	168	239	5	1	357	223	54	223	42
Hampshire	320	53	34	2	29	8	7	–	71	26	35	–	42	3	141	39	147	–	23	236	114	61	51	36½
Middlesex	9,413	995	1,174	2	986	147	127	1	1,320	245	489	1	449	209	634	1,371	1,564	14	147	2,892	838	490	697	321
Nantucket	25	33	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	3	–	5	3	10	–	–	5	13	5	13	2
Norfolk	2,870	711	341	3	355	38	47	–	885	122	125	2	139	31	510	347	[2] 556	2	136	1,230	221	131	194	98
Plymouth	1,082	147	242	66	83	27	31	9	249	84	97	22	84	21	334	539	307	36	121	1,017	320	112	88	96
Suffolk	20,619	3,848	4,672	11	1,740	637	795	3	6,058	2,274	2,786	14	1,168	1,076	700	1,233	4,560	104	428	6,345	680	1,693	606	858
Worcester	4,695	255	296	3	148	3	1	–	853	140	152	–	198	112	43	429	[2] 615	22	41	1,130	20	226	17	164
Total	50,473	7,591	8,339	127	4,197	1,113	1,190	19	11,684	3,642	4,461	74	2,784½	1,676½	3,142	5,217	9,924	205	946	16,360	2,974	3,279	2,289	1,929

[1]For all types of cases, civil and criminal.
[2]Number of appeal cases includes waivers of indictment.

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Office of the Secretary, January 1, 1937.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:—

I have the honor to submit, in compliance with General Laws, (Tercentenary Edition) Chapter 9, section 17, as amended by Chapter 37 of the Acts of 1934, and by Chapter 31 of the Acts of 1936, the annual report of the transactions of this office for the year ending November 30, 1936. A report showing the aggregate vote, both affirmative and negative, on every act or part of an act which shall have been referred by the General Court for acceptance or rejection to the voters of the Commonwealth or any part thereof, or to the city council of any city, during the calendar year 1936; and a record of the work of this Department in respect of public records under Chapter 66 of the General Laws.

In further compliance with law, I submit the following recommendations:

Recommendations

1. Under the provisions of section 61 of chapter 51 and section 133 of chapter 54 of the General Laws appear provisions relative to the certifying by local registrars of voters to the State Secretary of the number of assessed polls and the reporting of such data by the State Secretary to the general court under said section 133. These provisions have been in the law for a great many years and were of recognized value to the public before the acceptance of the Women Suffrage Amendment. Now in view of the fact that women are not required to pay a poll tax the information is not of the same value to the public as heretofore. In view of the fact that this information is contained in the publication, P. D. 19, published by the office of the Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation, it seems unnecessary that this information be published by the Secretary's office. I therefore recommend an amendment to said section 61 of chapter 51 and said section 133 of chapter 54 of the General Laws.

2. Under the provisions of section 4 of chapter 51 of the General Laws the assessors are annually required to make true lists including, amongst other information, the name and residence of every male person twenty years of age or older liable to be assessed for a poll tax. In view of the fact that under a recent amendment of section 5 of chapter 59 male persons over seventy years of age are exempted from the payment of a poll tax, it is necessary that this section be amended in order that assessors be required to list such persons that they may not be deprived of their rights as voters. I therefore recommend an amendment of section 4 of chapter 51.

3. Section 7 of chapter 53 of the General Laws provides for the submission of nomination papers for state primaries for certification to the registrars on or before five o'clock in the afternoon of the Friday preceding the day on which it must be filed. This section was amended in 1936 to permit more time for the certification of signatures to nomination papers in the city of Boston and the date was changed from Friday to the preceding Tuesday. It now seems wise that this date should be changed so that all cities and towns will have further time for certification of signatures and I therefore recommend an amendment of this section.

4. Under act of Congress providing for the carrying out of the provisions of the amendment to the Federal Constitution changing the date for the taking of office of the President and Vice President of the United States, the date for the holding of the Electoral College was changed to the first Monday after the second Wednesday in December next following the appointment of electors and I therefore recommend a change in sections 138 and 148 of chapter 54 to make the Massachusetts statutes conform thereto.

5. At the recent state election dispute arose over the use of the word "party" on nomination papers for election of persons seeking election under the designation of "Union Party" so called. "Political party" as defined in chapter 50 of the General Laws applies to a party which at the preceding biennial state election polled for governor at least three per cent of the entire vote cast in the Commonwealth for that office. In view of the fact that the "Union Party" so called could not qualify under the definition of "political party", court proceedings were instituted to prevent the use of the word "party" in connection with such party.

It appears advisable to define the word "party". I therefore recommend a change in section 1 of chapter 50 to accomplish this end.

6. Section 45 of chapter 53 of the General Laws authorizes a candidate to place on his nomination papers the statement (in not more than eight words) of the public offices which he holds or has held. Considerable abuse of this provision has grown up in recent years primarily due to the fact that a broad interpretation of the words "public offices" would include many state, county and municipal employees. It therefore seems wise to restrict the meaning of these words to "elective public offices".

7. Although the law specifies a definite time when the withdrawals of candidates of state, city or town offices shall be filed, as appearing under the provisions of section 13 of chapter 53 of the General Laws, the public has paid little if any attention to the provisions of such section and insist upon their right to file withdrawals at any time prior to the printing of the ballots. It is therefore recommended that the officer to whom such withdrawals shall be submitted be prohibited from receiving the same after the last day for filing.

8. Under the provisions of sections 19 to 21 inclusive of chapter 54 selectmen in towns are given authority to appoint election officers from time to time as may in their opinion seem necessary. It would seem feasible that similar authority should be given to cities and that the present provisions of law appearing in chapter 54 requiring said appointments to be made not later than September 1 do not provide sufficient elasticity to the law to assure an adequate number of election officers where there has been a great increase in the number of registered voters in the city, as was the case in the last state election. I therefore recommend an amendment of section 11 of chapter 54.

9. Under the present law the day for filing all nomination papers other than political parties (Socialist and Socialist Labor parties) and for independent candidates for election, is the same as that for the filing of nomination papers for candidates at a primary. Notwithstanding this fact, the provisions of section 10 of chapter 53 provide that certificates of nomination for such parties may be filed much later than independent nomination papers for said offices. There seems to be no good reason for this additional time and I therefore recommend that said section 10 be amended so that all candidates will be treated alike.

10. Under the present statutes no time is fixed within which the ballot law commission shall render a decision on all matters referred to it, and in the past, as a result of protracted hearings before said commission, the time allowed the State Secretary to print the ballots has been materially curtailed. It seems advisable, in order to prevent a recurrence of this condition and to guarantee sufficient time to print the ballots, that said commission should be required to render a decision on all matters referred to it within a reasonable time. I therefore recommend that section thirty-two of chapter six be amended on account of the situation.

11. The provisions of the seventy-first article of amendment to the Massachusetts constitution, ratified by the people on the fourth day of November, 1930, amended article twenty-one of the amendments of the constitution pertaining to the taking of the decennial census. Under this latest amendment, in respect to the division of the state into representative districts, the following provisions appear:— "no precinct of any other town and no ward of a city shall be divided therefor". Under the present provisions of chapter fifty-four, sections 6 to 9 inclusive, towns are authorized from time to time to change their precincts and in special acts establishing limited town government in numerous towns appears a mandatory provision requiring the change in voting precincts in such towns once in every five years. A similar provision appears in chapter 43A of the General Laws. It therefore appears that the above acts and sections of the General Laws are inconsistent with the provisions of the above cited constitutional amendment and I therefore recommend a change in these sections and in chapter 43A to bring said sections of the law in conformity with the constitutional amendment.

12. Under numerous special acts and resolves, running over a considerable number of years, many publications of historical and military nature have been distributed by this department. In many instances the public demand or desire for the publications has ceased to exist but, under the provisions of the respective act or resolve applying thereto, the secretary is unable to dispose of such publica-

tions except at a price which no person is willing to pay. These accumulated volumes consist of several thousand in number for which the state, in some instances, is paying storage and in other instances furnishing storage space which could economically be devoted to some other purpose. I therefore recommend a change in the law giving this department more latitude in respect to the disposition of such publications.

13. The number of voters required to sign nomination papers to place the names of candidates for office in nomination is fixed by statute. It is vital to the proper conduct of the government and the elimination of false and dangerous practices that the validity of these signatures, so far as the statute law can govern, shall be of unquestionable authenticity. To that end and for that purpose I recommend that the names of all voters on nomination papers be witnessed and that the witness be required to sign a statement under oath that he personally knew the voter signing the nomination paper and that the same was signed in his presence.

14. Under the present provisions of section 9 of chapter 52 of the General Laws notice of the number of delegates and of members of ward and town committees is required to be furnished to the State Secretary on or before March 1. Under other provisions of law similar notices are required to be filed with the State Secretary on or before the same date. In view of the fact that the party primary is held on the last Tuesday in April, the time between the filing date and such primary should be extended. I therefore recommend amendment to section 9 of chapter 52 and sections 42 and 54 of chapter 53 changing the filing date to February first.

15. In respect to the signing of nomination papers, the practice has grown considerably in recent years of having the voter sign his name and the person securing the signature fill out the street and address. To the end that greater accuracy may be secured, it would seem advisable to require the person signing to also write in his residence on January 1 preceding and the place where living with street and number, if any. I therefore recommend amending section 7 of chapter 53 to accomplish this.

16. It does not appear under the provisions of General Laws, section 30 of chapter 207, that a Special Judge of Probate or a Special Justice of a District Court has the authority to waive the requirement of the five-day law for marriage purpose. In cases of expediency, or in the absence of the presiding judge or justice, it appears the special judge or justice, when holding court, should have the same authority to grant the waiver which the statute now gives the designated magistrates, and I recommend such provision be made.

17. Under the provisions of section 12 of chapter 53 provision is made whereby, in case of the filing of an objection to a nomination for state office, the State Secretary shall notify interested parties. As these objections are entirely within the control of the Ballot Law Commission who give hearings and render decisions on the same, I therefore recommend an amendment of said section 12 so that the notices shall be sent by the said Ballot Law Commission who now, under the law, fix the dates for hearings before them.

18. Chapter 129 of the acts of 1920 was passed to provide a longer period of time for the certification of the names of the signers of initiative and referendum petitions in the City of Boston as the time provided under section 22A of chapter 53 of the General Laws was found not to be sufficient. Since the passage of the above cited act, the tendency to file such petitions has grown causing like inconvenience in other large cities in the Commonwealth and I therefore recommend an amendment of said section 22A to provide more time for the certification of the names of voters signing initiative and referendum petitions.

19. Under the provisions of section 34 of chapter 53 of the General Laws, relative to the arrangement and form of the ballot at party primaries, against the names of candidates for various offices, the street and number, if any, of the residence of any such candidate is required to be printed thereon. This section apparently does not require the street and addresses of delegates to state or national committees to be printed on said ballot. Therefore, in the effort to secure uniformity, I recommend that said section be amended.

20. Article XLV of the Amendments to the Constitution provides that "The general court shall have power to provide by law for voting by qualified voters of the commonwealth who, at the time of an election, are absent from the city or town

of which they are inhabitants in the choice of any officer to be elected or upon any question submitted at such election." Because of the large number of applications preceding the last election, and with the conviction that this privilege should be extended to unfortunates deprived of the right to vote because of physical disability, I respectfully renew the recommendation which I have several times made to the General Court, that the provisions of said article be extended to include qualified voters who, by reason of physical disability, are unable to cast their votes at the polling place in person.

21. Article XLVIII of the Amendments to the Constitution, General Provisions, III, Form of Ballot, provides for the form in which questions relating to amendment to the Constitution or laws submitted to the people shall be printed on the ballot. Under the present law the Attorney General has not authority to condense these questions. It is my belief that such authority should be given in order that questions on the ballot may be more briefly expressed. I therefore recommend an amendment to that part of the Constitution above mentioned by inserting after the words "attorney general" in the third line the words:—or by the title of such amendment or law if in his opinion such title is sufficient.

Receipts

The following table shows in detail receipts from fees, etc., all of which were paid into the treasury daily, and quarterly reports thereof made to the Governor and Council, as required by General Laws, (Tercentenary Edition) chapter 9, section 1:—

Commissions		$15,670 00
Corporations		391,232 09
Limited Partnerships		320 00
Trade-marks, Labels, etc.		7,950 00
Sale of Books		19,128 39
Certificates		2,650 50
Military Records		47 40
Copies: Corporations	$6,700 50	
Archives	6,382 80	
	$13,083 30	13,083 30
Advance Sheets		704 00
Vital Statistics		1,936 75
Trust Receipts		1,324 00
Miscellaneous Receipts		24 39
		$454,070 82

Commissions

The number of commissions issued during the year ending November 30, 1936, was 3,507 (an increase of one from the preceding year), of which 379 were without fee and 78 became void by reason of the failure of the appointees to take out the commissions or to qualify thereunder. The different classes were as follows:—

Notaries public	2,781
Justices of the peace	333
Justices of the peace to solemnize marriages	1
Judge, Land Court	1
State Librarian	1
Justices and special justices, municipal and district courts	14
Justices of the peace to issue warrants and take bail	3
Trial Justices	2
Clerks, municipal and district courts	9
Judicial council	4
Police Commissioner, Boston	1
Masters in chancery	9
Public administrators	9
Special State Police Officers	33

Trustees, commissioners, etc.	172
Public Warehousemen	39
Medical examiners	6
Associate medical examiners	9
Commissioners to qualify public officers	1
Commissioners in other states	2
Commissioners in foreign countries	1
Board of Excise, City of Chelsea	1
Ballot Law Commission	1
Fall River Board of Police	2
Finance Commission, City of Boston	2
Licensing Board, City of Boston	1
Clerk, Boston Juvenile Court	1
Supervisors of Elections, City of Boston	62
Executive Secretary	1
State Purchasing Agent	1
Pilot Commissioners	2
Deputy Pilot Commissioners	2
	3,507

Certificates to the number of 6,488 were issued, of which 1,187 were for certificates for which no fees are charged.

Corporation Division (Rooms 332 and 333)

The total number of certificates of incorporation issued under General Laws to new corporations for the fiscal year ending November 30, 1936, was 2645—an increase of 62 as compared with the fiscal year ending November 30, 1935. They were classified as follows:—

Business corporations (under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 156, section 12)	2,311
Religious, charitable, social, educational, musical, athletic, etc., corporations (under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 180, section 3)	281
Fraternal beneficiary corporations (under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 176, section 9)	17
Churches (under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 67, section 51)	7
Credit unions (under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 171, section 3)	26
Insurance companies (under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 175, section 49)	2
Electric company (under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 164, section 5)	1

The number of certificates of every description filed was 26,081—an increase of 904 as compared with the fiscal year ending November 30, 1935. Of these, 2,311 were articles of organization of business corporations (under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 156, section 12); 281 were articles of organization of religious, charitable, social and other organizations (under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 180); 1,425 were amendments of Massachusetts business corporations (under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 156, sections 16, 17, 42–45); 18,066 were certificates of condition of Massachusetts corporations (under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 1 8, section 37 and chapter 156, section 47); 2,054 were certificates of condition of foreign corporations (under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 181, section 12); 1,232 were reports of social and athletic organizations (under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 180, section 26A), and the others were divided among 37 other Classes.

There were issued 38 certificates of change of name of corporations (under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 155, section 10, and chapter 180, section 11).

Returns were received of the dissolution of 20 corporations by the Supreme Judicial and Superior Courts.

Under the act relating to the incorporation of clubs, charters were refused in 19 cases, 5 charters declared void, and 16 applications for incorporation withdrawn. Under the law relative to change of name of clubs, one application was withdrawn.

Limited partnership certificates to the number of 31 were filed. 3,134 certified copies of the records and certificates were supplied—a decrease of 168 as compared with the fiscal year ending November 30, 1935.

Labels, Trade-marks, etc.

By General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 110, section 8, which relates to the adoption and registration of labels, trade-marks, stamps and forms of advertisement, the duty is placed upon the Secretary of the Commonwealth of receiving and filing such labels etc., and of issuing and recording certificates of record. Under this law, labels, trade-marks, stamps and forms of advertisement were received, and certificates of record issued and recorded in 295 cases.

Under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 110, section 8, which provides for the assignment of labels, trade-marks, stamps and forms of advertisement, 23 assignments were received, and certificates of registration issued.

Marks and Devices on Cans, etc.

By General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 110, section 17, which provides for the protection of owners of cans, bottles, boxes, siphons and fountains used in the sale of soda water, mineral and aerated waters, ale, beer, ginger ale or similar beverages, it is made the duty of the Secretary of the Commonwealth to receive and file descriptions of marks, devices etc., and under this law five such descriptions were received and filed. Under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 110, section 21, which provides for the protection of dealers and consumers against the unlawful use and destruction of milk and ice cream cans, jugs, bottles, jars, tubs or cabinets, two descriptions of marks, devices etc. were received and filed.

Statements of Trust Receipt Financing

Chapter 255A of the General Laws (inserted by chapter 264 of the Acts of 1936) provides for the filing in this office of statements of trust receipt financing. Under this law 1,324 statements were received and filed.

Vital Statistics Division (Room 334)

Under the provisions of General Laws (Tercentenary Edition), chapter 46, section 17, returns of births and marriages from 355 cities and towns and births from the State Infirmary at Tewksbury for the year 1935, which were received in 1936, cover 63,009 births and 30,019 marriages, a decrease of 756 births and a decrease of 222 marriages, as compared with the returns of 1934.

Under the provisions of the same law 50,286 certified copies of records of deaths were received, covering a period from January 1, 1935, to December 31, 1935, a decrease of 474 as compared with the returns of 1934.

Medical examiners' returns for 1935 cover 9,089 a decrease of 56 as compared with the returns for 1934.

Returns by clerks of courts and registers of probate of the decrees of divorce granted during 1935 number 4,081, an increase of 336 as compared with the returns for 1934.

These figures are fully compiled and analyzed in the annual registration report for 1935 (Public Document No. 1), and were available August 2, 1936.

During the year 2,830 certificates of birth, 1,329 certificates of marriage and 1,458 certificates of death were issued, a total of 5,617. Of these 1,600 were certified abstracts given for Soldiers' Relief and United States Government war claims without fee. There were 26,542 requests for records, an increase of 3,451 more than in 1934. Fees received from these certificates amounted to $1,937.25.

10,777 card abstracts of birth records for school, employment and enlistment purposes were issued without charge, an increase of 672.

There were 8,793 delayed records of birth and corrections of birth records received; 293 corrections of marriage and 131 corrections of death records were also received.

Changes of Names of Persons

The returns of 1,288 names, changed in 1935 as decreed by the several probate courts, were received and filed in compliance with the requirements of General Laws, (Tercentenary Edition), chapter 210, section 12.

Archives Division (Room 438)

The Chief of the Archives Division respectfully reports as follows:

There have been made during the fiscal year 45 military certificates, 19 typewritten copies, and 22,367 photostatic copies of legislative records and files, maps, corporation records, finger prints, etc.

The following fees have been received:

Military certificates, $47.40; typewritten copies, $29.20; photostatic copies, $6,353.60; totalling $6,430.20.

No volumes of Vital Records were purchased during the year, the usual annual appropriation for the purpose having been omitted.

Public Document Division (Room 118)

During the year 1936 the following publications were received for distribution through the Public Document Division: 67,391 volumes of the Public Document Series, representing 77 reports of the several State departments, boards and commissions; 9,056 copies of the 1935 bound edition of the Session Laws, commonly called the Blue Book; 10,018 copies of the 1936 pamphlet edition of the Session Laws; 600 copies each of the Senate and House Journals, 1936, total 1,200 copies (from the Sergeant-at-Arms); 410 copies each of the Massachusetts Reports, Nos. 288 and 289, total, 820 copies; 547 copies of the Proceedings of the Seventieth Annual Encampment, Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Massachusetts, 1936; 800 copies of the Proceedings of the Thirty-sixth Annual Encampment, United Spanish War Veterans, Department of Massachusetts, 1935; 1,411 copies of the Proceedings of the Seventeenth Annual Convention, The American Legion, Department of Massachusetts, 1935; 800 copies of the Proceedings of the Fifteenth Annual Encampment, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Massachusetts, 1935; 705 copies of the Proceedings of the Fourteenth Annual Convention, Disabled American Veterans of the World War, 1935; 300 copies of the 1935 report of the Fall River Board of Finance, which copies were received from the above board; 5,000 copies of the 1935 amendments to the Laws Relating to Insurance and Insurance Companies; 5,000 copies of the 1936 amendments to the Laws Relating to Insurance and Insurance Companies; 462 copies of edition of the Executive Council report on the return of votes for State Officers, 1936; 8,075 copies of the Decennial Census, 1935; 2,080 copies of the General Laws Relating to Corporations, 1935; 2,037 copies of the Massachusetts Soldiers, Sailors and Marines in the Civil War, Vol. 8; 1,500 copies of the Statutes Relating to Savings Banks, 1936; 1,426 copies of the Addresses and Messages to the General Court, Proclamations, Public Addresses, Official Statements and Correspondence of General Interest of His Excellency Governor Joseph B. Ely, 1931, 1932, 1933 and 1934; making a grand total of 118,628 volumes that have passed through this division during the year.

Division of Public Records (Room 252)

Inspections

Under the provisions of the General Laws (Tercentenary Edition) Chapter 66, Section 1, there have been made by the Supervisor of Records during the year 1936 inspections of the care, custody, condition and protection against fires of the public records of the departments and offices of the counties, cities and towns as follows:—

Abington, Acushnet, Adams, Alford, Amesbury, Arlington, Ashland, Athol, ATTLEBORO, Ayer, Barnstable, Barre, Bedford, Belchertown, Berlin, Bernardston, BEVERLY, Blackstone, Blandford, Bolton, Bourne, Brewster, Bridgewater, Buckland, Burlington, Charlemont, Chatham, Cheshire, Chester,Chesterfield, Colrain, Concord, Conway, Cummington, Dalton, Dana, Danvers, Deerfield, Dennis, Douglas, Dover, Dracut, Dudley, Duxbury, East Bridgewater, East Longmeadow, Eastham, Egremont, Enfield, Erving, Essex, FALL RIVER,

Falmouth, FITCHBURG, Foxborough, Franklin, Gill, GLOUCESTER, Goshen, Granby, Granville, Great Barrington, Greenwich, Hadley, Halifax, Hamilton, Hampden, Hanover, Hanson, Harwich, HAVERHILL, Hinsdale, Holliston, Hopedale, Hopkinton, Hubbardston, Huntington, Ipswich, Lanesborough, Lexington, Leyden, Longmeadow, LOWELL, LYNN, Lynnfield, Manchester, Marblehead, Mashpee, Mattapoisett, Medway, Mendon, Merrimac, Methuen, Middleborough, Middlefield, Middleton, Milford, Millbury, Millis, Millville, Monson, Montague, Montgomery, Nahant, Natick, Needham, New Ashford, New Marlborough, New Salem, Newbury, NEWBURYPORT, North Attleborough, North Reading, NORTHAMPTON, Northborough, Northbridge, Northfield, Norton, Norwood, Orange, Orleans, Palmer, Pembroke, Peru, Petersham, Plainfield, Plainville, Plympton, Prescott, Princeton, Provincetown, Rehoboth, Rockland, Rockport, Rowley, Russell, SALEM, Salisbury, Sandisfield, Sandwich, Savoy, Seekonk, Sheffield, Shelburne, Sherborn, Shirley, Shrewsbury, SOMERVILLE, South Hadley, Southbridge, Southwick, Sturbridge, Sutton, Swampscott, TAUNTON, Tolland, Topsfield, Townsend, Truro, Tyngsborough, Upton, Uxbridge, Wareham, Warwick, Webster, Wellfleet, Wendell, Wenham, West Boylston, West Bridgewater, West Newbury, Westborough, Westminster, Westwood, Whitman, Williamsburg, Wilmington, Winchester, WORCESTER, Worthington, Wrentham and Yarmouth.

During the year 30 vaults and 10 safes have been approved by this office.

Fires

An early evening fire December 20, 1935, totally destroyed the combined Norwell Town Hall, Grammar and High School. No records were lost; all early records were in the bank. The Town Clerk had current records in safe at his home.

The Bristol County Agricultural School burned as result of lightning May 19, 1936. Office records were taken to safety, one set is stored at the county building at Taunton. Some of the students standard cards were damaged. A safe fell into the basement, the contents were not lost, but were slightly damaged by water.

City Halls

The new city hall at Medford is nearing completion and will be ready for occupancy early in the Spring.

Town Halls

The new town hall at Yarmouth is completed and occupied.

The new high school at West Boylston will also house the town offices and a vault for town records.

The new town hall at Chester is completed and occupied. The new town hall at Norwell is completed and occupied. Alterations have been made on the following town halls: Ayer, Belmont, Danvers, Goshen, Hudson, Marshfield, Milford, Milton, and Sturbridge by the construction of vaults. Watertown has built an addition to the police station.

Middlesex County

The new dormitory of the House of Correction at Billerica will be ready for occupancy the first of the year.

District Courts

Plymouth County has completed the new district court house and police station at Middleborough.

Repairing and Binding

Records have been repaired and rebound during the year for the towns of Bedford, Great Barrington, Rockport, Truro and Yarmouth; Registries of Deeds at Plymouth and Taunton; Clerk of the Courts at Barnstable, Plymouth and Springfield.

Typewriter Ribbons and Stamping Pads

A number of typewriting ribbons are now being tested and if approved will be published in our next list.

Advertising Massachusetts

Under the appropriation item for the dissemination of information relative to the advantages and desirability of Massachusetts for industrial, agricultural, recreational and other purposes, under the direction of the State Secretary, this work has been continued from the 1935 program.

The unpaid committee of three advertising men has continued to advise the Secretary regarding expenditure of funds. This is an outstanding group,—Frank A. Black, Director, William Filene's Sons Company, Treasurer, Advertising Federation of America, Treasurer, Advertising Club of Boston; Allyn B. McIntire, Vice-President, Pepperell Manufacturing Co., Ex-President and Director, Association of National Advertisers, Ex-President and Director, Advertising Club of Boston; Bennett Moore, Assistant Vice-President, in charge of advertising and sales promotion, Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, Director, Advertising Club of Boston.

With the advice and consent of this committee, the Secretary appointed the H. B. Humphrey Company to prepare and place the advertising.

Owing to the late date that the appropriation was passed, it was deemed advisable not to place any recreational advertising in media for the summer of 1936 but to hold some of the money and start with a magazine and newspaper schedule early in 1937.

However, letters of invitation to Massachusetts were sent to various organizations holding conventions in Massachusetts—Harvard College, 50,000—American Bar Association, 27,000—American Federation of Advertisers, 10,000—Alpha Omega Dental Fraternity, 2,800—The Propeller Club, 6,500. We received from these letters, 2,500 inquiries asking for booklets, guest stickers and special information as to hotel rates and facilities, historical points of interest, transportation, etc.

The following booklets, printed in 1935, were offered for distribution:

Massachusetts Pictorial
Massachusetts Road Map
Colonial Massachusetts
Your Summer or All-Year Estate or Cottage in Massachusetts
Massachusetts—Its Industrial, Agricultural and Economic Resources

and a new booklet printed this year—"Massachusetts, The State of a Thousand and One Charms".

Booklets were sent in quantity to automobile clubs, tourist agencies, information booths, hotels, railroad and steamship companies and gasolene stations.

Inquiries were received daily for special information. These were serviced by the publicity department and where special information was requested regarding a certain section, a special form was sent to the organization in that section.

The Secretary's office cooperated with the Massachusetts committees attending national conventions and sent literature with a view to bringing conventions to Massachusetts in 1937. Cooperation in the way of supplying photographs for displays and literature, was rendered to railroad and steamship companies, bus lines and tourist bureaus in their work to stimulate traffic to Massachusetts.

There were distributed through the State police, local police and information booths, automobile window stickers and guest cards, designed to be of help to visitors within our borders.

Although no space was used in metropolitan dailies outside the State, many newspapers cooperated in giving us free publicity in the way of pictures and editorials.

Legislative Counsel and Agents' Expenses

In compliance with General Laws, (Tercentenary Edition) chapter 3, sections 39 to 50 inclusive, relative to legislative counsel and agents' expenses incurred or paid in connection with promoting or opposing legislation during the last regular session of the General Court, there were 264 entries made in the dockets, a decrease of 2 as compared with 1935.

Returns covering 259 entries were received from persons, associations or corporations employing legislative counsel and agents. Ten employers who failed to file returns within the time prescribed by law were reported to the Attorney General, together with four returns which appeared not to conform to law.

The total amount reported as paid to legislative counsel and agents was $96,762.48. In addition to this amount $15,435.00 representing annual salaries or retainers apportioned, and $37,997.20 unapportioned, was reported. Twenty-one employers stated that they paid nothing.

Proclamations

The proclamations of His Excellency the Governor were printed and distributed under the direction of this office. For the observance of each of the following 11,000 copies were distributed to churches, schools, institutions, patriotic societies, postmasters and city and town clerks:—New Orleans Day, January 8, 1936; Lincoln Day, February 12, 1936; Spanish War Memorial Day and Maine Memorial Day, February 15, 1936; Boston Massacre, March 5, 1936; Lafayette Day, May 20, 1936; Flag Day, June 14, 1936; Bunker Hill Day, June 17, 1936; Commodore John Barry Day, September 13, 1936; Pulaski Day, October 11, 1936; Armistice Day, November 11, 1936; Indian Day, November 25, 1936 and Thanksgiving Day, November 26, 1936. Eleven thousand copies of the Arbor and Bird Day proclamations were mailed to churches, schools, granges, agricultural societies, institutions, postmasters and city and town clerks.

Fire Prevention Week was designated to include the week of October 4, 1936, and 6,650 copies of the Governor's proclamation were distributed to the fire chiefs of the Commonwealth for churches, schools and post offices.

In observance of Air Mail Week, May 4 to 9, 1936, 500 copies of the Governor's proclamation were distributed to the post offices. American Education Week was designated to include the week of November 9, 1936, and 11,000 copies of the Governor's proclamation were distributed to churches, schools, institutions, patriotic societies, postmasters and city and town clerks.

In observance of Humane Sunday, April 19, 1936, "Be Kind to Animals Week", April 20 to 25, 1936, and Conservation Week, May 10 to 16, 1936, proclamations were issued by His Excellency the Governor to the Press. Dedham Tercentennial Week was designated to include the week of September 14, 1936, and a copy of the Governor's proclamation was issued to the press.

Pardons, Commutations, Remanders, Requisitions, etc.

The number of pardons made out and issued during the year was 35, of which 22 were granted under parole conditions, 3 conditional, and 10 full and complete; 1 remander; requisitions: upon other States 92, and upon the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States 1; and warrants issued upon requisitions from other States, 28.

Initiative Petitions

Two initiative petitions, accompanied by bills, and each with the requisite certificate of the Attorney General attached, were filed with the Secretary of the Commonwealth during the year, under the provisions of Article XLVIII of the Amendments to the Constitution, as follows:—

For an initiative amendment to the constitution restricting the use of the proceeds of certain revenues derived from motor vehicle registration fees, licenses and gasoline excise taxes, excluding only a motor vehicle Excise Tax.

(Filed September 10, 1936; on December 1, 1936, 39,638 subsequent signatures of qualified voters had been filed.)

Description of Proposed Amendment to the Constitution

This proposed amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth provides: that, with the exception of money derived from a motor vehicle excise tax for the privilege of using the highways, the net proceeds of all gasoline excise taxes and all motor vehicle fuel, motor vehicle and trailer registration fees, licenses, duties, excises and similar taxes shall be expended only for highway purposes, including policing, under the direction of the state department which has jurisdiction over state highways, except when jurisdiction thereof is given to some other department, and for the payment of interest, sinking fund and serial payments on loans and obligations for the payment of which such proceeds were obligated before January 1, 1937.

For An Amendment to the Constitution providing for a Tax limitation on Real Estate.

(Filed September 30, 1936; on December 1, 1936, 30,942 subsequent signatures of qualified voters had been filed.)

Description of Proposed Amendment to the Constitution

The proposed measure amends the Constitution of the Commonwealth, by adding to it an article which provides that real estate, which shall include all land, buildings and other things erected on or affixed to land within the Commonwealth, shall not in any year be taxed in an amount greater than two and one-half per cent of the fair cash value thereof.

Rules and Regulations of State Departments

By General Laws (Tercentenary Edition), chapter 30, section 37, certain rules and regulations of departments, commissions, boards or officials vested by law with the power to make and issue rules and regulations general in scope, and to be observed or performed under penalty for the violation thereof, shall not take effect until attested copies thereof have been filed with the Secretary of the Commonwealth. Under this law rules and regulations were filed by the following departments during the year 1936: The Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission, Board of Registration of Barbers, Department of Civil Service and Registration, Department of Conservation, Department of Labor and Industries, Department of Public Health, Department of Public Safety, Department of Public Utilities, Department of Public Works and Unemployment Compensation Commission.

Miscellaneous

The two reports from this office which form a part of the Public Document series, namely, Returns of Births, Marriages, Divorces and Deaths (Public Document No. 1) and Election Statistics, (Public Document No. 43) have been made, as required by law.

Frederic W. Cook,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

*Returns from Cities and Towns Relative to Action taken under Certain Provisions of the General Laws
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When Received	City or Town	Subject and Reference	Action	Date of Action
1935				
Dec. 17	Cambridge	Rights of persons on reserved spaces in public ways, 1935, 309 (G. L. 82, s. 34)	Accepted	Dec. 12, 1935
1936				
Feb. 10	Hadley	Civil service for police, G. L. 31, s. 48	Accepted	Feb. 3, 1936
Feb. 21	Yarmouth	Board of Cemetery Commissioners, G. L. 114, ss. 22–26	Accepted	Feb. 11, 1936
Mar. 3	Woburn	Municipal advertising, G. L. 40, s. 6A	Accepted	Feb. 28, 1936
Mar. 3	Walpole	Pensions for policemen and firemen, G. L. 32, s. 85	Accepted	Feb. 24, 1936
Mar. 11	Wellesley	Pensions for school janitors, G. L. 32, s. 44	Accepted	Mar. 9, 1936
Mar. 11	West Springfield	Reserve police force, G. L. 147, s. 13A	Accepted	Mar. 4, 1936
Mar. 13	Wellesley	Inspection and removal of unsafe or dangerous buildings, G. L. 143, ss. 6–12	Accepted	Mar. 10, 1936
Mar. 13	Chatham	Municipal zoning laws, G. L. 40, s. 25	Accepted	Feb. 18, 1936
Mar. 13	Chatham	Inspection and removal of unsafe or dangerous buildings, G. L. 143, ss. 6–12	Accepted	Feb. 18, 1936
Mar. 19	Chatham	Board of survey, G. L. 41, s. 73	Accepted	Feb. 18, 1936
Mar. 24	Lunenburg	Police department established, G. L. 41, s. 97	Accepted	Mar. 7, 1936
Mar. 25	Kingston	Police department established, G. L. 41, s. 97	Accepted	Mar. 14, 1936
Mar. 25	Kingston	Municipal buildings insurance fund, G. L. 40, s. 13	Accepted	Mar. 9, 1935
Mar. 25	Kingston	Workmen's compensation insurance fund, G. L. 40, s. 13A	Accepted	Mar. 9, 1935
Mar. 26	Brookline	Appointment of town accountant, G. L. 41, s. 55	Accepted	Mar. 17, 1936
Apr. 8	Chesterfield	Certain sports and games permitted on the Lord's day, G. L. 136, ss. 21–25	Rejected	Apr. 6, 1936
Apr. 14	North Andover	Auditing of accounts of towns and districts, G. L. 44, s. 35	Accepted	Mar. 14, 1936
Apr. 18	Brockton	Municipal advertising, G. L. 40, s. 6A	Accepted	Apr. 16, 1936
Apr. 30	Beverly	Retirement of veterans of Spanish and World Wars, G. L. 32, ss. 56–59	Accepted	Apr. 27, 1936
May 1	Winchendon	Selectmen to act as board of public welfare, G. L. 41, s. 21	Accepted	Mar. 2, 1936
May 22	Cambridge	Reserve police force in cities, G. L. 147, ss. 11–13	Accepted	May 7, 1936
June 3	Waltham	Reserve fire forces in cities, G. L. 48, ss. 59b, 59c, 59d	Accepted	May 25, 1936
July 3	Cambridge	Licenses for coffee houses, G. L. 140, s. 47	Accepted	July 2, 1936
July 9	Beverly	Pensions for school janitors, G. L. 32, s. 44	Accepted	June 29, 1936
Oct. 16	Plymouth County	Retirement of veterans of Spanish and World Wars, G. L. 32, ss. 56–59	Accepted	Oct. 13, 1936
Nov. 4	Holyoke	Registration of applicants for positions in the classified labor service, G. L. 31, s. 14	Accepted	Nov. 2, 1936
Nov. 16	Middleboro	Precinct voting in towns, 1934, 39 (G. L. 39, s. 20)	Accepted	Nov. 9, 1936
Nov. 20	Clinton	Civil service for police, G. L. 31, s. 48	Accepted	Nov. 18, 1936
Nov. 20	North Adams	City charter, plan D, G. L. 43	Rejected	Nov. 3, 1936
Nov. 20	Worcester	City charter, plan B, G. L. 43	Rejected	Nov. 3, 1936

*For the acceptance or rejection of Chapter 318 of the Acts of 1936, which amends Chapter 32 of the General Laws, see pages 20, 21.

RETURNS RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF CERTAIN SPECIAL ACTS PASSED BY THE GENERAL COURT AND REFERRED TO THE VOTERS, TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF A CITY, TO THE SELECTMEN OF A TOWN, OR THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF A COUNTY

When Received	From Whom Received	Title of Act	Date of Action	Vote	
				Yes	No
1935 Dec. 2	Assistant Clerk, Middlesex County Commissioners	An Act authorizing the county commissioners of Middlesex county to make alterations and additions to the Middlesex County Tuberculosis Hospital (1935, 417)	Nov. 29, 1935	–[1]	–
Dec. 17	City Clerk, Leominster	An Act placing the office of chief of the fire department of the city of Leominster under the civil service laws (1935, 353)	Dec. 3, 1935	3,997	1,671
Dec. 17	City Clerk, Taunton	An Act subjecting the office of superintendent of streets of the city of Taunton to the civil service laws (1935, 352)	Dec. 3, 1935	4,618	7,864
Dec. 17	City Clerk, Taunton	An Act subjecting the offices of chief engineer of the fire department and of chief of police of the city of Taunton to the civil service laws (1935, 180)	Dec. 3, 1935	3,566	8,666
Dec. 18	Clerk, Conway Cemetery Association, Conway	An Act authorizing the conveyance by the town of Conway to the Conway Cemetery Association of certain cemeteries in said town (1935, 201)	Dec. 10, 1935	–[2]	–
Dec. 18	City Clerk, Fall River	An Act relative to indemnification of certain public employees for damages sustained through operation of certain publicly owned vehicles (1934, 291, s. 3)	Nov. 30, 1935	–[3]	–
Dec. 19	City Clerk, Holyoke	An Act subjecting the office of commissioner of soldiers' relief, state aid and military aid, burial agent and supervisor of soldiers' and sailors' graves of the city of Holyoke to the civil service laws (1935, 289)	Dec. 3, 1935	8,790	6,570
Dec. 19	City Clerk, Holyoke	An Act providing for the establishment of biennial municipal elections in the city of Holyoke (1935, 427)	Dec. 3, 1935	6,771	8,259
Dec. 30	Clerk, Maverick Mills, Boston	An Act relative to a taking by the department of public works of certain land in East Boston belonging to Maverick Mills (1934, 326)	Dec. 27, 1935	–[4]	–
1936 Jan. 3	City Clerk, Boston	An Act to provide additional court house accommodations and facilities for the courts and other officials in the county of Suffolk by the use of federal, state and city of Boston funds (1935, 474)	Dec. 31, 1935	–[5]	–
Jan. 3	Assistant Clerk, Middlesex County Commissioners	An Act authorizing the county of Middlesex to contribute toward the reconstruction of a portion of Beacon street in the city of Newton (1935, 17)	Aug. 30, 1935	–[1]	–
Jan. 3	City Clerk, Lowell	An Act making certain necessary changes in the election laws incident to the redivision of cities into wards (1935, 482)	Dec. 30, 1935	–[5]	–
Jan. 21	Town Clerk, Harwich	An Act authorizing the town of Harwich to supply itself and its inhabitants with water (1935, 165)	Dec. 27, 1935	–[6]	–
Feb. 7	Town Clerk, Billerica	An Act relative to the appointment of a superintendent of public works by the selectmen of the town of Billerica (1935, 125)	Feb. 1, 1936	797	693
Feb. 12	Town Clerk, Berlin	An Act relative to the nomination of candidates for town office by caucuses other than those of political or municipal parties (1932, 141)	Feb. 3, 1936	–[6]	–
Feb. 13	Town Clerk, Athol	An Act authorizing the town of Athol to establish a board of public works exercising the powers of certain other boards, departments and town officers (1935, 292)	Feb. 3, 1936	449	2,572

RETURNS RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF CERTAIN SPECIAL ACTS PASSED BY THE GENERAL COURT AND REFERRED TO THE VOTERS, TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF A CITY, TO THE SELECTMEN OF A TOWN, OR THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF A COUNTY —*Continued*

When Received	From Whom Received	Title of Act	Date of Action	Vote	
				Yes	No
Mar. 4	Town Clerk, Wakefield	An Act authorizing the selectmen of the town of Wakefield to act as a board of public works exercising the powers of certain other town boards and officers, and authorizing the election of selectmen for three year terms (1935, 291)	Mar. 2, 1936	1,028	2,746
Mar. 7	Town Clerk, Natick	An Act placing the office of inspector of buildings of the town of Natick under the civil service laws (1936, 19)	Mar. 2, 1936	1,908	1,823
Mar. 7	Town Clerk, Wellesley	An Act establishing in the town of Wellesley representative town government by limited town meetings (1932, 202)	Mar. 2, 1936	1,507	1,094
Mar. 16	Town Clerk, Amherst	An Act establishing in the town of Amherst representative town government by limited town meetings (1936, 10)	Mar. 2, 1936	837	856
Apr. 1	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the city of Boston to pay a certain sum of money to Daniel F. McCarthy of Boston (1936, 157)	Mar. 31, 1936	–[3]	–
Apr. 3	Chairman, Hampshire County Commissioners	An Act authorizing the county of Hampshire to pension Lucy C. McCloud (1936, 106)	Mar. 31, 1936	–[7]	–
Apr. 9	City Clerk, Melrose	An Act establishing a municipal golf course and recreation center at Mount Hood Memorial Park and Golf Course in the city of Melrose (1936, 124)	Apr. 8, 1936	–[8]	–
Apr. 24	City Clerk, Taunton	An Act authorizing the city of Taunton to sell and convey certain land (1936, 233)	Apr. 21, 1936	–[5]	–
Apr. 28	Deputy Assistant Clerk, Essex County Commissioners	An Act authorizing the county of Essex to pension J. Mark Klippel (1936, 120)	Apr. 24, 1936	–[9]	–
May 1	Town Clerk, Winchendon	An Act authorizing the town of Winchendon to establish a board of public works exercising the powers of certain other boards, departments and town officers (1936, 43)	Mar. 2, 1936	989	542
May 1	Town Clerk, Winchendon	An Act authorizing the appointment in the town of Winchendon of a town physician (1936, 44)	Mar. 2, 1936	1,111	495
May 7	Town Clerk, Palmer	An Act relative to the holding of professional sports and games, so called, on the Lord's day at the Church Grounds, so called, in that part of the town of Palmer called Thorndike (1936, 97)	May 4, 1936	–[6]	–
May 14	City Clerk, Cambridge	An Act authorizing the city of Cambridge to pay an annuity to the widow of Thomas J. Riley and to the widow of William N. Mullins (1936, 217)	May 7, 1936	–[5]	–
May 27	Deputy Assistant Clerk, Essex County Commissioners	An Act establishing the salary of the clerk of the district court of Peabody (1936, 229)	May 22, 1936	–[9]	–
May 27	Deputy Assistant Clerk, Essex County Commissioners	An Act providing for the appointment of a court officer for the probate court of Essex county (1936, 252)	May 26, 1936	–[9]	–
June 4	Town Clerk, Falmouth	An Act establishing in the town of Falmouth representative town government by limited town meetings (1935, 349)	Feb. 13, 1936	999	704
June 4	Town Clerk, Adams	An Act establishing in the town of Adams representative town government by limited town meetings (1935, 235)	Mar. 2, 1936	2,114	738

June 16	Deputy Assistant Clerk, Essex County Commissioners	An Act authorizing the county of Essex to reimburse Dennis A. Driscoll for certain expenses incurred by reason of injuries sustained by his minor son at the Essex County Agricultural School (1936, 261)	June 9, 1936	–[9]	–
June 20	City Clerk, Everett	An Act increasing the amount of credit for prior service to be given to certain employees of the city of Everett upon their retirement (1936, 57)	Apr. 1, 1936	–[5]	–
June 24	City Clerk, Somerville	An Act making certain perfecting changes in the law relative to water liens (1936, 42)	June 16, 1936	–[8]	–
June 25	City Clerk, Everett	An Act making the law providing for vacations for members of the police and fire forces in towns applicable in cities (1934, 107)	June 22, 1936	–[5]	–
July 2	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the city of Boston to allow a credit to Edmund V. Ahearn in connection with certain licenses issued to him by said city (1936, 335)	June 30, 1936	–[5]	–
July 2	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the city of Boston to pay a certain sum of money to A. R. Doyle, Inc., for labor and materials furnished to said city (1936, 324)	July 1, 1936	–[5]	–
July 2	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the county of Suffolk to pay certain compensation to Thomas E. Goggin of Boston (1936, 422)	June 30, 1936	–[5]	–
July 3	City Clerk, Worcester	An Act authorizing the city of Worcester to pay a sum of money to the widow of Walter J. Cookson, late mayor of said city (1936, 423)	July 1, 1936	–[5]	–
July 9	City Clerk, Gardner	An Act providing for the retirement by the city of Gardner of certain call members of its fire department (1936, 379)	July 6, 1936	–[5]	–
July 16	Town Clerk, Braintree	An Act establishing in the town of Braintree representative town government by limited town meetings (1936, 56)	*Mar. 2, 1936	–[6]	–
July 18	City Clerk, Everett	An Act authorizing the city of Everett to pay an annuity to the widow of James F. Monahan, a former superintendent of streets in said city (1936, 366)	July 9, 1936	–[5]	–
Aug. 6	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the payment by the city of Boston of a certain sum of money to the parents of John McGrath of said city (1936, 424)	Aug. 4, 1936	–[5]	–
Aug. 6	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to Pearl I. Cummings of said city (1936, 435)	Aug. 4, 1936	–[5]	–
Aug. 21	City Clerk, Boston	An Act making Katherine G. Bresnahan eligible to receive upon retirement certain allowances under the Boston Retirement Act (1936, 339)	Aug. 19, 1936	–[5]	–
Aug. 21	City Clerk, Malden	An Act authorizing the city of Malden to continue certain payments on account of the death of Charles H. Nicholson (1936, 393)	Aug. 17, 1936	–[5]	–
Sept. 3	City Clerk, Revere	An Act authorizing the city of Revere to retire Robert Copeland, City Auditor (1936, 275)	Aug. 29, 1936	–[5]	–
Sept. 5	City Clerk, Boston	An Act to provide additional court house accommodations and facilities for the courts and other officials in the county of Suffolk by the use of federal, state and city of Boston funds (1935, 374)	Sept. 5, 1936	–[5]	–
Sept. 23	Clerk, Worcester County Commissioners	An Act amending the provisions of the general laws relative to contributory pensions for county employees, and extending the provisions thereof to include employees of county tuberculosis hospital districts (1936, 400)	Sept. 2, 1936	–[10]	–
Sept. 24	Secretary, Norfolk County Commissioners	An Act amending the provisions of the general laws relative to contributory pensions for county employees, and extending the provisions thereof to include employees of county tuberculosis hospital districts (1936, 400)	Sept. 22, 1936	–[11]	–
Sept. 25	City Clerk, Cambridge	An Act establishing a six day week, so called, for certain public employees and persons employed on public works (1936, 367)	Sept. 24, 1936	–[5]	–
Sept. 25	City Clerk, Cambridge	An Act relative to the retirement of policemen and firemen in certain cities and towns (1936, 439)	Sept. 24, 1936	–[5]	–
Sept. 25	City Clerk, Cambridge	An Act relative to the pensions of laborers, foremen, inspectors, mechanics, draw tenders, assistant draw tenders and storekeepers in the employ of certain cities and towns (1936, 290)	Sept. 24, 1936	–[5]	–
Sept. 26	Chairman, Bristol County Commissioners	An Act amending the provisions of the general laws relative to contributory pensions for county employees, and extending the provisions thereof to include employees of county tuberculosis hospital districts (1936, 400)	Sept. 22, 1936	–[12]	–

Returns relative to the Acceptance or Rejection of Certain Special Acts passed by the General Court and Referred to the Voters, to the City Council of a City, to the Selectmen of a Town, or the County Commissioners of a County —*Concluded*

When Received	From Whom Received	Title of Act	Date of Action	Vote	
				Yes	No
Sept. 26	Clerk, Barnstable County Commissioners	An Act amending the provisions of the general laws relative to contributory pensions for county employees, and extending the provisions thereof to include employees of county tuberculosis hospital districts (1936, 400)	Sept. 25, 1936	–13	–
Sept. 28	Assistant Clerk, Middlesex County Commissioners	An Act amending the provisions of the general laws relative to contributory pensions for county employees, and extending the provisions thereof to include employees of county tuberculosis hospital districts (1936, 400)	Sept. 22, 1936	–1	–
Sept. 30	Deputy Assistant Clerk, Essex County Commissioners	An Act amending the provisions of the general laws relative to contributory pensions for county employees, and extending the provisions thereof to include employees of county tuberculosis hospital districts (1936, 400)	Sept. 29, 1936	–9	–
Sept. 30	Town Clerk, Saugus	An Act providing an improved method of municipal planning (1936, 211)	Sept. 28, 1936	–6	–
Oct. 2	Clerk, Berkshire County Commissioners	An Act amending the provisions of the general laws relative to contributory pensions for county employees, and extending the provisions thereof to include employees of county tuberculosis hospital districts (1936, 400)	Sept. 25, 1936	–14	–
Oct. 7	City Clerk, Lowell	An Act relative to the retirement of Policemen and Firemen in certain cities and towns (1936, 439)	Oct. 1, 1936	–3	–
Oct. 7	Chairman, Plymouth County Commissioners	An Act amending the provisions of the general laws relative to contributory pensions for county employees, and extending the provisions thereof to include employees of county tuberculosis hospital districts (1936, 400)	Sept. 29, 1936	–15	–
Oct. 9	Chairman, Hampden County Commissioners	An Act amending the provisions of the general laws relative to contributory pensions for county employees, and extending the provisions thereof to include employees of county tuberculosis hospital districts (1936, 400)	Sept. 23, 1936	–16	–
Oct. 28	Assistant Town Clerk, Wakefield	An Act relative to reserve police forces in certain towns (1930, 15)	Oct. 26, 1936	–6	–
Oct. 28	Assistant Town Clerk, Wakefield	An Act authorizing any town and certain districts to vote on the question of accepting certain provisions of law relative to compensating municipal employees who are injured in the course of their employment (1936, 260)	Oct. 26, 1936	–6	–
Nov. 19	Acting City Clerk, Melrose	An Act relative to indemnification of certain public employees for damages sustained through operation of certain publicly owned vehicles (1934, 291)	Nov. 18, 1936	–8	–
Nov. 19	Clerk, Hampshire County Commissioners	An Act amending the provisions of the general laws relative to contributory pensions for county employees, and extending the provisions thereof to include employees of county tuberculosis hospital districts (1936, 400)	Nov. 7, 1936	–7	–
Nov. 19	City Clerk, Salem	An Act placing under the civil service laws the office of city marshal of the city of Salem (1936, 178)	Nov. 3, 1936	7,989	5,644
Nov. 19	City Clerk, Quincy	An Act subjecting the office of inspector of buildings in the city of Quincy to the civil service laws (1935, 46)	Nov. 3, 1936	19,440	5,708

Nov. 19	City Clerk, Malden . . .	An Act subjecting the office of clerk of the registrars of voters of the city of Malden to the civil service laws (1936, 387)	Nov. 3, 1936	12,676	2,906
Nov. 19	City Clerk, Leominster . . .	An Act providing for biennial municipal elections in the city of Leominster (1936, 131) .	Nov. 3, 1936	4,540	1,347
Nov. 20	City Clerk, Fall River . . .	An Act abolishing the board of police for the city of Fall River (1936, 416)	Nov. 3, 1936	15,817	20,765
Nov. 20	Election Commissioners, Somerville	An Act relative to the salaries of members of the board of aldermen of the city of Somerville (1936, 330)	Nov. 3, 1936	14,304	13,948
Nov. 20	City Clerk, Beverly . . .	An Act placing under the civil service laws the office of chief of police of the city of Beverly (1936, 142)	Nov. 3, 1936	4,758	4,495
Nov. 20	City Clerk, Beverly . . .	An Act subjecting the office of inspector of wires of the city of Beverly to the civil service laws (1936, 231)	Nov. 3, 1936	4,798	3,938
Nov. 21	City Clerk, Beverly . . .	An Act establishing biennial municipal elections in the city of Beverly and making certain other charter changes (1936, 29)	Nov. 3, 1936	4,052	4,018

[1]Accepted by the county commissioners of Middlesex County.
[2]Accepted by the trustees of the Conway Cemetery Association.
[3]Accepted by the mayor and city council.
[4]Accepted by the board of directors of Maverick Mills.
[5]Accepted by the city council.
[6]Accepted, affirmative and negative votes not returned.
[7]Accepted by the county commissioners of Hampshire County.
[8]Accepted by the board of aldermen.
[9]Accepted by the county commissioners of Essex County.
[10]Accepted by the county commissioners of Worcester County.
[11]Accepted by the county commissioners of Norfolk County.
[12]Accepted by the county commissioners of Bristol County.
[13]Accepted by the county commissioners of Barnstable County.
[14]Accepted by the county commissioners of Berkshire County.
[15]Accepted by the county commissioners of Plymouth County.
[16]Accepted by the county commissioners of Hampden County.

*Acceptance declared illegal by Supreme Court, January 19, 1937.

Return of Votes Nov. 3, 1936 from Certain Cities on the Following Question:

"Shall sections twenty-six to thirty-one H, inclusive, of chapter thirty-two of the General Laws, inserted therein by section one of an act of the general court passed in the current year entitled 'An Act providing for Contributory Retirement Systems for Cities and Towns that may be Accepted by Them, and making Certain Other Changes in the Laws Relative to Retirement Systems', enabling cities and towns which accept it to establish contributory retirement systems for their employees, be accepted?"

Cities	Yes	No	Blanks
Attleboro	3,828	1,813	4,051
Beverly	4,680	3,114	4,932
Brockton	14,819	4,399	11,180
Chicopee	7,392	1,398	7,980
Fall River	18,518	8,014	16,888
Gardner	3,357	950	3,338
Gloucester	4,017	1,453	4,532
Haverhill	9,348	3,384	8,407
Holyoke	11,481	2,604	11,430
Lawrence	15,568	3,467	16,313
Leominster	3,870	2,049	3,411
Lowell	22,614	4,796	15,597
Lynn	21,921	5,570	16,100
Malden	10,947	4,071	9,028
Marlborough	3,629	1,849	2,321
Melrose	5,433	3,351	4,353
New Bedford	19,256	4,300	17,475
Newburyport	2,341	1,100	3,725
North Adams	4,118	1,692	4,179
Northampton	4,815	1,526	3,964
Peabody	3,510	1,267	4,125
Pittsfield	10,043	2,810	8,025
Revere	6,758	1,432	5,731
Salem	8,759	2,990	8,309
Springfield	33,466	7,723	23,494
Taunton	5,329	2,832	7,425
Waltham	8,307	2,774	6,376
Westfield	3,327	1,051	3,290
Woburn	4,454	1,695	3,101

RETURN OF VOTES NOV. 3, 1936 FROM CERTAIN TOWNS ON THE FOLLOWING QUESTION:

"Shall sections twenty-six to thirty-one H, inclusive, of chapter thirty-two of the General Laws, inserted therein by section one of an act of the general court passed in the current year entitled 'An Act providing for Contributory Retirement Systems for Cities and Towns that may be Accepted by Them, and making Certain Other Changes in the Laws Relative to Retirement Systems', enabling cities and towns which accept it to establish contributory retirement systems for their employees, be accepted?"

Towns	Yes	No	Blanks
Adams	1,877	868	2,775
Amesbury	1,865	676	2,251
Andover	1,890	1,042	2,547
Arlington	8,569	4,094	6,618
Athol	1,705	904	2,100
Belmont	5,221	3,302	4,404
Braintree	3,570	1,666	3,257
Clinton	2,559	826	2,707
Danvers	2,204	1,298	2,067
Dedham	3,073	1,388	2,738
Easthampton	1,834	892	1,499
Fairhaven	1,781	673	2,082
Framingham	4,463	1,775	3,904
Greenfield	3,492	1,373	3,271
Lexington	2,412	1,166	1,704
Marblehead	2,264	1,473	2,278
Methuen	4,069	1,474	4,618
Milford	2,227	442	3,808
Milton	3,618	2,625	3,848
Natick	2,777	1,260	2,929
Needham	2,337	1,311	2,348
North Attleborough	1,516	1,398	2,095
Northbridge	1,653	640	1,879
Norwood	2,971	1,242	2,579
Plymouth	2,250	752	2,661
*Reading	1,784	1,917	1,642
Saugus	3,118	1,218	2,543
Southbridge	2,622	714	3,592
Stoneham	2,201	1,127	1,813
Swampscott	2,597	1,027	2,004
Wakefield	3,274	2,076	2,432
Watertown	7,880	2,823	5,027
Webster	2,196	479	3,371
Wellesley	3,361	1,279	1,890
West Springfield	3,854	1,067	2,417
Weymouth	4,595	1,680	4,351
*Winchester	2,113	2,641	2,242
Winthrop	3,778	1,795	3,237

* Rejected.

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Office of the Secretary, January 1, 1938

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:—

I have the honor to submit, in compliance with General Laws, (Tercentenary Edition) Chapter 9, section 17, as amended by Chapter 37 of the Acts of 1934, and by Chapter 31 of the Acts of 1936, the annual report of the transactions of this office for the year ending November 30, 1937. A report showing the aggregate vote, both affirmative and negative, on every act or part of an act which shall have been referred by the General Court for acceptance or rejection to the voters of the Commonwealth or any part thereof, or to the city council of any city, during the calendar year 1937; and a record of the work of this Department in respect of public records under Chapter 66 of the General Laws.

In further compliance with law, I submit the following recommendations:

Recommendations

1. Article XLV of the Amendments to the Constitution provides that "The general court shall have power to provide by law for voting by qualified voters of the Commonwealth who, at the time of an election, are absent from the city or town of which they are inhabitants in the choice of any officer to be elected or upon any question submitted at such election." Because of the large number of applications preceding the last election, and with the conviction that this privilege should be extended to unfortunates deprived of the right to vote because of physical disability, I respectfully renew the recommendation which I have several times made to the General Court, that the provisions of said article be extended to include qualified voters who, by reason of physical disability, are unable to cast their votes at the polling place in person.

2. Article XLVIII of the Amendments to the Constitution, General Provisions, III, Form of Ballot, provides for the form in which questions relating to amendment to the Constitution or laws submitted to the people shall be printed on the ballot. Under the present law the Attorney General has not authority to condense these questions. It is my belief that such authority should be given in order that questions on the ballot may be more briefly expressed. I therefore again recommend an amendment to that part of the Constitution above mentioned by inserting after the words "attorney general" in the third line the words:—or by the title of such amendment or law if in his opinion such title is sufficient.

3. At the present time under the provisions of General Laws, chapter 46, section 13, a child of illegitimate birth whose parents have intermarried and whose father has acknowledged him as his, the record of his birth may be amended so as to appear as if born in lawful wedlock at the time of birth, by the acknowledgement of his father and the affidavits of both parents, or by either if the other is dead. In the event that both parents have died there is no provision of law for amending or establishing such a record of birth, and I recommend that such legislation be enacted for the protection of the illegitimate child whose parents have intermarried and who have died previous to amending or establishing the birth record.

Receipts

The following table shows in detail receipts from fees, etc., all of which were paid into the treasury daily, and quarterly reports thereof made to the Governor and Council, as required by General Laws, (Tercentenary Edition) chapter 9, section 1:—

Commissions	$18,921 00
Corporations	413,152 24
Limited Partnerships	430 00
Trade-marks	7,600 00
Sale of Books, etc.	21,974 79
Certificates	3,576 50
Military Records	61 30

Copies:		
Corporation	$7,100 03	
Archives	6,348 94	
	$13,448 97	13,448 97
Advance Sheets		682 00
Vital Statistics		2,523 57
Trust Receipts		2,435 00
		$484,805 37

Financial Statement Verified.
Approved.

GEO. E. MURPHY,
Comptroller.

COMMISSIONS

The number of commissions issued during the year ending November 30, 1937, was 4,140 (an increase of 633 from the preceding year), of which 358 were without fee and 118 became void by reason of the failure of the appointees to take out the commissions or to qualify thereunder. The different classes were as follows:—

Notaries public	3,374
Justices of the peace	388
Justices of the peace to solemnize marriages	5
Judge, Land Court	1
Associate Judge of the Land Court	1
Justices and special justices, municipal and district courts	20
Justices of the peace to issue warrants and take bail	2
Trial justices	5
Clerks, municipal and district courts	2
Justices, Supreme Judicial Court	2
Masters in chancery	7
Public administrators	11
Special state police officers	48
Trustees, commissioners, etc.	167
Public Warehousemen	32
Medical examiners	9
Associate medical examiners	9
Commissioners to qualify public officers	7
Commissioners in other states	1
Chief Justice, Superior Court	1
Justices, Superior Court	4
Judge of Probate and Insolvency	1
Fall River Board of Police	1
Finance Commission, City of Boston	2
Fall River Board of Finance	1
Sheriff, Nantucket County	1
Supervisors of Elections, City of Boston	20
Executive Secretary	1
Executive Messengers	5
Private Secretary to the Governor	2
Assistant Secretaries, Governor's Office	8
Chief Clerk, Governor's Office	1
Comptroller	1
	4,140

Certificates to the number of 8,517 were issued, of which 1,364 were for cerificates for which no fees are charged

Corporation Division (Rooms 332 and 333)

The total number of certificates of incorporation issued under General Laws to new corporations for the fiscal year ending November 30, 1937, was 2,878—an increase of 233 as compared with the fiscal year ending November 30, 1936. They were classified as follows:—

Business corporations (under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 156, section 12)	2,465
Religious, charitable, social, educational, musical, athletic, etc., corporations (under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 180, section 3)	348
Fraternal beneficiary corporations (under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 176, section 9)	18
Churches (under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 67, section 51)	8
Credit unions (under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 171, section 3)	37
Insurance companies (under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 175, section 49)	2

The number of certificates of every description filed was 29,730—an increase of 1,214 (plus an increase of 1,111 statements of trust receipt financing) as compared with the fiscal year ending November 30, 1936. Of these, 2,465 were articles of organization of business corporations (under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 156, section 12); 348 were articles of organization of religious, charitable, social and other organizations (under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 180); 1,761 were amendments of Massachusetts business corporations (under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 156, sections 16, 17, 42–45); 18,672 were certificates of condition of Massachusetts corporations (under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 158, section 37 and chapter 156, section 47); 2,055 were certificates of condition of foreign corporations (under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 181, section 12); 1,290 were reports of social and athletic organizations (under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 180, section 26A), and the others were divided among 38 other classes.

There were issued 32 certificates of change of name of corporations (under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 155, section 10, and chapter 180, section 11).

Returns were received of the dissolution of 22 corporations by the Supreme Judicial and Superior Courts.

Under the act relating to the incorporation of clubs, charters were refused in 49 cases, 3 charters declared void, and 19 applications for incorporation withdrawn. Under the law relative to change of name of clubs, 2 applications were withdrawn.

Limited partnership certificates to the number of 42 were filed. 3,358 certified copies of the records and certificates were supplied—an increase of 224 as compared with the fiscal year ending November 30, 1936.

Labels, Trade-marks, etc.

By General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 110, section 8, which relates to the adoption and registration of labels, trade-marks, stamps and forms of advertisement, the duty is placed upon the Secretary of the Commonwealth of receiving and filing such labels, etc., and of issuing and recording certificates of record. Under this law, labels, trade-marks, stamps and forms of advertisement were received, and certificates of record issued and recorded in 293 cases.

Under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 110, section 8, which provides for the assignment of labels, trade-marks, stamps and forms of advertisement, 9 assignments were received, and certificates of registration issued.

Marks and Devices on Cans, etc.

Under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 110, section 21, which provides for the protection of dealers and consumers against the unlawful use and

destruction of milk and ice cream cans, jugs, bottles, jars, tubs or cabinets, one description of marks, devices etc., was received and filed.

Statements of Trust Receipt Financing

Chapter 255A of the General Laws (inserted by chapter 264 of the Acts of 1936) provides for the filing in this office of statements of trust receipt financing. Under this law 2,435 statements were received and filed.

Vital Statistics Division (Room 334)

Under the provisions of General Laws (Tercentenary Edition), chapter 46, section 17, returns of births and marriages from 355 cities and towns and births from the State Infirmary at Tewksbury for the year 1936, which were received in 1936, cover 61,903 births and 31,985 marriages, a decrease of 1,106 births an increase of 1,966 marriages, as compared with the returns of 1935.

Under the provisions of the same law, 52,054 certified copies of records of deaths were received, covering a period from January 1, 1936 to December 31, 1936, an increase of 1,768 as compared with the returns of 1935.

Medical examiners' returns for 1936 cover 9,788, an increase of 699 as compared with the returns for 1935.

Returns by clerks of courts and registers of probate of the decrees of divorce granted during 1936 number 4,311, an increase of 230 as compared with the returns for 1935.

These figures are fully compiled and analyzed in the annual registration report for 1936 (Public Document No. 1) and were available August 2, 1937.

During the year, 3,866 certificates of births, 1,256 certificates of marriage and 1,403 certificates of death were issued, a total of 6,525, an increase of 808 more certificates in comparison with the number issued during 1936. Of these 1,439 were certified abstracts given for Soldiers' Relief and United States Government war claims without fee.

There were 52,177 requests for records, an increase of 25,635 in comparison with the request for records during 1936. During July and August an unprecedented rush of applicants appeared requesting records; the W. P. A. having demanded proof of citizenship, the W. P. A. workers swarmed to the vital statistics division seeking birth records. The demand was met and on one day the office force issued 1,172 records and in a period of ten days 9,680 certificates had been issued.

The 97% increase of records issued over 1936 shows the great demand that is being made for records and the demand is still continuing for social security, aid and relief, and other purposes, and no doubt will continue for some time to come.

Fees received for issuing certified copies of records amounted to $2,523.57, an increase in the receipts of $586.32.

32,760 card abstracts of birth records for school, employment, enlistment, welfare, and civil service purposes were issued without charge, an increase of 21,983.

There were 12,892 references issued of records of marriages and deaths without fee, for welfare, old age assistance, employment and insurance purposes.

There were 4,300 delayed records of birth and correction of birth records, 198 corrections of marriage and 94 corrections of death records were also received.

Changes of Names of Persons

The returns of 1,604 names, changed in 1936 as decreed by the several probate courts, were received and filed in compliance with the requirements of General Laws, (Tercentary Edition), chapter 210, section 12.

Archives Division (Room 438)

The Chief of the Archives Division respectfully reports as follows:

During the fiscal year there have been made 47 military certificates, 35 typewritten copies, and 23,964 photostatic copies of legislative records and files, maps, plans, corporation records, etc.

The following fees have been received:

Military certificates, $61.30; typewritten copies, $38; photostatic copies (certified and uncertified), $6,310.94; totaling $6,410.24.

No volumes of Vital Records were purchased during the year as no appropriation was made for the purpose, although the manuscript of several towns is now ready for publication.

During the fiscal year two W. P. A. projects have been in operation in the department, a cleaning project and a binding project. Much needed renovation has been accomplished, and the work is still in progress.

Public Document Division (Room 118)

During the year 1937 the following publications were received for distribution through the Public Document Division: 75,309 volumes of the Public Document Series, representing 76 reports of the several State departments, boards and commissions; 9,000 copies of the 1936 bound edition of the Session Laws, commonly called the Blue Book; 10,080 copies of the 1937 pamphlet edition of the Session Laws; 600 copies each of the Senate and House Journals, 1937, total, 1,200 copies (from the Sergeant-at-Arms); 410 copies of the Massachusetts Reports, No. 290; 505 copies of the Proceedings of the Seventy-first Annual Encampment, Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Massachusetts, 1937; 800 copies of the Proceedings of the Thirty-seventh Annual Encampment, United Spanish War Veterans, Department of Massachusetts, 1936; 1,204 copies of the Proceedings of the Eighteenth Annual Convention, The American Legion, Department of Massachusetts, 1936; 806 copies of the Proceedings of the Sixteenth Annual Encampment, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Massachusetts, 1936; 10,500 copies of the Manual for the General Court, 1937–38; 5,015 copies of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; 1,964 copies of the General Laws Relating to Taxation and Special Assessments, 1936; 15,095 copies of the Laws Relating to Veterans and Their Organizations, 1936; 10,530 copies of the Manual for the Instruction of Applicants for the Police Service of Cities and Towns in Massachusetts, 1937; 10,000 copies of the Manual of Fire Department Equipment and Practice, 1937; 720 copies of the Statutes Relating to Trust Companies, 1936; 1,015 copies of the Statutes Relating to Credit Unions, 1937; 2,500 copies of the 1937 Amendments to the Laws Relating to Insurance and Insurance Companies; 553 copies of the Proceedings of the Electoral College of Massachusetts, 1936; 19 copies of the 1936 Report of the Finance Commission for the City of Boston, which copies were received from the above commission; 400 copies of the 1936 Report of the Fall River Board of Finance, which copies were received from the above board; making a grand total of 157,625 volumes that have passed through this division during the year.

Division of Public Records (Room 252)

Inspections

Under the provisions of the General Laws (Tercentenary Edition) chapter 66, section 1, there have been made by the Supervisor of Public Records during the year 1937 inspections of the care, custody, condition and protection against fire of the public records of the counties, and of the cities and towns as follows:—

Acton, Amherst, Ashfield, Auburn, Ayer, Belmont, Blackstone, Bourne, Brewster, Brookfield, Brookline, CAMBRIDGE, Charlton, Conway, East Brookfield, Easthampton, Fairhaven, FITCHBURG, Franklin, Hanson, Hatfield, Heath, Holden, HOLYOKE, Hudson, Ipswich, Leicester, Lenox, Leverett, Ludlow, LYNN, Marion, MEDFORD, MELROSE, Millbury, Monterey, Nahant, New Ashford, NEW BEDFORD, New Braintree, New Marlborough, New Salem, Newbury, NEWBURYPORT, Norfolk, NORTH ADAMS, North Brookfield, NORTHAMPTON, Oxford, Paxton, Pelham, REVERE, Rowe, SALEM, Shirley, Shrewsbury, Shutesbury, SOMERVILLE, Southampton, Spencer, Stockbridge, Sunderland, Swampscott, Templeton, Upton, Ware, Warren, Wayland, West Brookfield, Westhampton, Whately, Williamstown, WORCESTER.

During the year 23 vaults and 10 safes have been approved by this office.

Fires

On the morning of February 17, 1937, fire broke out on the upper floor of the city hall, at Melrose. No records were lost.

On the afternoon of March 4, 1937, fire totally destroyed the home of the Town Clerk at Greenwich Village, and the latest Volume of Town Meeting Records was lost, also Volume of Registered Voters, and the two Volumes and Index of the General Laws (Tercentenary Edition).

On the morning of June 10, 1937, when the town hall at Hanson was opened, fire was discovered smouldering in the vault, and some records were lost.

City Halls

The new city hall at Medford is completed and occupied.

Town Halls

The town of New Salem is erecting a new town hall.

The town offices at Marion have been moved to their new building.

The town of Shirley has remodeled a former school building for town offices. Plans are prepared for a new town hall for Wareham. Alterations have been made during the year on the following town halls: Chelmsford and Upton by the construction of vaults. The town of Bourne has made an addition of several offices and vaults to the town hall. The town of Brewster has made an addition of several offices to its town hall.

Court House

The Suffolk County Court House addition is now under construction.

District Courts

Middlesex County is constructing a new district court house at Natick.

Norfolk County is constructing a new vault room for record storage at the Quincy Court House.

Repairing and Binding

Records have been repaired and rebound during the year for the towns of Amherst, Bedford, Dennis, Great Barrington, Nahant, New Marlborough, Rockport, Sandwich and Savoy.

Typewriter Ribbons and Stamping Pads

A printed list of approved typewriter ribbons and stamping pads will be published later for distribution.

ADVERTISING MASSACHUSETTS

Under the appropriation for the dissemination of information relative to the advantages and desirability of Massachusetts for industrial, agricultural, recreational and other purposes, under the direction of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, this work has been continued from the 1936 program.

The unpaid committee of three advertising men continued its invaluable assistance in advising the Secretary regarding expenditure of funds. This outstanding group comprised: Frank A. Black, Director, William Filene's Sons Company, Treasurer, Advertising Federation of America, and Treasurer, Advertising Club of Boston; Allyn B. McIntire, Vice-President, Pepperell Manufacturing Company, Ex-President and Director, Association of National Advertisers, and Ex-President and Director, Advertising Club of Boston; and Bennett Moore, Assistant Vice-President, in charge of advertising and sales promotion, Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, and Director, Advertising Club of Boston.

The H. B. Humphrey Company continued to serve as advertising agency.

Inasmuch as the appropriation was passed at such a late date, it was impossible to do a constructive advertising campaign in the summer of 1936, but with money carried over from last year's appropriation, a magazine advertising campaign was started March 8 following through to May 22.

Three four-color pages of advertisement were used each in Time and News-Week.

One column advertisements were used as follows: Saturday Evening Post (5); Time (3); News-Week (3); Collier's (1).

As a direct result of this advertising over ten thousand inquiries were received and some three thousand additional inquiries were received from other sources. Approximately twelve per cent of the inquiries asked for special information, regarding hotel rates and facilities, historical points of interest, transportation and many varied questions.

A list of names of inquirers was sent to one hundred twenty Chambers of Commerce, civic and hotel organizations in The Commonwealth and where special information was requested, regarding a certain section, a special form was sent to all the organizations in that section.

The following pamphlets were mailed in response to inquiries:

Massachusetts Vacation Panorama
Massachusetts, The State of a Thousand and One Charms
Massachusetts Road Map
Your Summer or All-Year Estate or Cottage in Massachusetts
Massachusetts—Its Industrial, Agricultural and Economic Resources
Massachusetts Guest Cards and Window Stickers.

This office also mailed, upon request, booklets printed by the various sections, cities and towns within The Commonwealth.

The booklets, "Massachusetts Vacation Panorama" and "Massachusetts, The State of a Thousand and One Charms" were printed within the year and both contained a directory of literature listing booklets obtainable from civic organizations, historical societies, transportation and oil companies, etc.

Booklets in quantity were sent to automobile clubs, tourist agencies, information booths, hotels, railroads and steamship companies and gasoline stations. Guest cards and window stickers were distributed through the State Police, local police, information and convention booths and gasoline stations.

The Secretary's office cooperated with Massachusetts committees attending national conventions and supplied booklets with a view to interesting convention members in Massachusetts. Literature and guest cards were also furnished to convention and fair booths.

Cooperation in the way of supplying photographs and copy for displays and literature, was rendered to railroads, bus lines, tourist bureaus and oil companies in their effort to stimulate traffic to Massachusetts.

Legislative Counsel and Agents' Expenses

In compliance with General Laws, (Tercentenary Edition) chapter 3, sections 39 to 50 inclusive, relative to legislative counsel and agents' expenses incurred or paid in connection with promoting or opposing legislation during the last regular session of the General Court, there were 267 entries made in the dockets, an increase of 3 as compared with 1936.

Returns covering 258 entries were received from persons, associations or corporations employing legislative counsel and agents. Thirteen employers who failed to file returns within the time prescribed by law were reported to the Attorney General.

The total amount reported as paid to legislative counsel and agents was $116,044.85. In addition to this amount $21,299.00 representing annual salaries or retainers apportioned, and $31,975.00 unapportioned, was reported. Seventeen employers stated that they paid nothing.

Proclamations

The proclamations of His Excellency the Governor were printed and distributed under the direction of this office. For the observance of each of the following 11,000 copies were distributed to churches, schools, institutions, patriotic societies, postmasters and city and town clerks:—Lincoln Day, February 12, 1937; Spanish War Memorial Day and Maine Memorial Day, February 15, 1937; Boston Massacre, March 5, 1937; Lafayette Day, May 20, 1937; Flag Day, June 14, 1937; Bunker Hill Day, June 17, 1937; Commodore John Barry Day, September 13, 1937; Constitution Day, September 17, 1937; Pulaski Day, October 11, 1937; Armistice Day, November 11, 1937, and Thanksgiving Day, November 25, 1937. Eleven thousand copies of the Arbor and Bird Day proclamations were mailed to churches, schools, granges, agricultural societies, institutions, postmasters and city and

town clerks. August 12, 1937 was designated as Indian Day and 6,500 copies of the Governor's proclamation were distributed to churches, institutions, patriotic societies, postmasters and city and town clerks.

Fire Prevention Week was designated to include the week of October 3, 1937 and 6,650 copies of the Governor's proclamation were distributed to the fire chiefs of the Commonwealth for churches, schools and post offices. The week of November 7, 1937 was set apart as American Education Week and 11,000 copies of the Governor's proclamation were distributed to churches, schools, institutions, patriotic societies, postmasters and city and town clerks.

In observance of Humane Sunday, April 11, 1937, "Be Kind to Animals Week", April 12 to 17, 1937, and Conservation Week, the week beginning April 26, 1937, proclamations were issued by His Excellency the Governor to the press. January 8, 1937 was designated as New Orleans Day and April 6, 1937 as Army Day and copies of the Governor's proclamations were issued to the press.

Pardons, Commutations, Remanders, Respites, Requisitions, etc.

The number of pardons made out and issued during the year was 33, of which 24 were granted under parole conditions, 2 conditional, and 7 full and complete; 1 commutation; 3 remanders; 5 respites; requisitions: upon other States, 95, and upon the Secretary of State of the United States for extradition request upon a foreign country, 1; and warrants issued upon requisitions from other States, 26.

Initiative Petitions

Ten initiative petitions, accompanied by bills, and each with the requisite certificate of the Attorney General attached, were filed with the Secretary of the Commonwealth during the year, under the provisions of Article XLVIII of the Amendments to the Constitution, as follows:—

For an act repealing the laws relative to horse and dog racing under the pari-mutuel system of betting and abolishing The State Racing Commission.

Two petitions filed: (1) (September 1, 1937; on November 13, 1937, 23,568 subsequent signatures of qualified voters had been filed.) (1) (October 21, 1937; on November 29, 1937, 43,427 subsequent signatures of qualified voters had been filed.)

For an act with relation to public stands for the use of taxicabs and motor vehicles for hire in cities and towns.

(Filed September 14, 1937; on December 1, 1937, 35,367 subsequent signatures of qualified voters had been filed.)

For an act repealing the compulsory motor vehicle liability insurance law, so called, and requiring the giving by the owners and certain operators of motor vehicles in certain cases of proof of their financial responsibility for their civil liability on account of personal injuries, including death, caused by motor vehicles owned or operated by them.

(Filed October 7, 1937; on November 30, 1937, 29,023 subsequent signatures of qualified voters had been filed.)

For an act repealing the law authorizing the licensing of dog races on which the pari-mutuel system of betting shall be permitted.

(Filed November 8, 1937; on November 29, 1937, 28,037 subsequent signatures of qualified voters had been filed.)

For an act to provide additional revenue for increased payments to recipients of old age assistance in the commonwealth of Massachusetts by the conduct of a state lottery.

(Filed September 1, 1937; no subsequent signatures of qualified voters filed.)

For an act placing state police under civil service and providing for their retirement at certain ages.

(Filed September 9, 1937; no subsequent signatures of qualified voters filed.)

For an act providing that premium charges under the compulsory motor vehicle liability insurance law shall be uniform throughout the commonwealth.

(Filed September 20, 1937; no subsequent signatures of qualified voters filed.)

For an act providing for a state lottery.

(Filed October 4, 1937; no subsequent signatures of qualified voters filed.)

For an act repealing the provisions of law for the transportation of private school pupils to and from school.

(Filed October 28, 1937; no subsequent signatures of qualified voters filed.)

Referendum Petition

For a referendum on chapter 384 of the Acts of 1937, that the operation of such law be suspended as provided for in Article XLVIII of the constitution.

Description of Proposed Law

Chapter 384 of the Acts of 1937 provides that all provisions of chapter 310 of the Acts of 1932, providing for party primaries and for pre-primary conventions, and all other laws relative to such primaries or to such conventions, or to both, are repealed.

Said chapter 384 also provides that all provisions of law which have been struck out or amended by said chapter 310 or by any other law relative to such primaries or conventions, or both, are revised as they existed immediately prior to such striking out or amendment, subject, however, to all subsequent amendments not relating to such primaries or conventions, all of which subsequent amendments are continued in force.

Said chapter 384 also provides that it shall take effect December 1, 1937.

(Filed June 25, 1937; on August 23, 1937, 23,944 subsequent signatures of qualified voters had been filed.)

Rules and Regulations of State Departments

By General Laws (Tercentenary Edition), chapter 30, section 37, certain rules and regulations of departments, commissions, boards or officials vested by law with the power to make and issue rules and regulations general in scope, and to be observed or performed under penalty for the violation thereof, shall not take effect until attested copies thereof have been filed with the Secretary of the Commonwealth. Under this law rules and regulations were filed by the following departments during the year 1937: Department of Banking and Insurance, Department of Conservation, Department of Labor and Industries, Department of Public Health, Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission, Appellate Tax Board, Board of Registration of Barbers, Board of Registration in Embalming and Funeral Directing, Milk Control Board and Unemployment Compensation Commission.

Miscellaneous

The two reports from this office which form a part of the Public Document series, namely, Returns of Births, Marriages, Divorces and Deaths (Public Document No. 1) and Election Statistics, (Public Document No. 43) have been made, as required by law.

Frederic W. Cook,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Returns from Cities and Towns Relative to Action taken under Certain Provisions of the General Laws
(Tercentenary Edition)

When Received	City or Town	Subject and Reference	Action	Date of Action
1937				
Jan. 19	Waltham	Pensions for veterans of Spanish and World Wars, G. L. 32, ss. 56–60	Accepted	Jan. 18, 1937
Jan. 21	Plymouth County	Appointment of state fire patrol, G. L. 48, s. 28A	Accepted	Jan. 19, 1937
Jan. 23	Lowell	Vacations for policemen and firemen in cities, 1934, 107 (G. L. 41, s. 111A)	Accepted	Jan. 22, 1937
Jan. 30	Brockton	Pensions to foremen, inspectors, etc., 1936, 290 (G. L. 32, s. 77, par. (c)	Accepted	Jan. 29, 1937
Feb. 17	Everett	Display of national flag at polling places, G. L. 54, s. 25A	Accepted	Feb. 11, 1937
Feb. 27	Brockton	Eight hour day and forty-eight hour week for certain public employees, G. L. 149, s. 30	Accepted	Feb. 25, 1937
Feb. 27	Clinton	Pensions for school janitors, G. L. 32, s. 44	Accepted	Feb. 23, 1937
Mar. 5	Clinton	Civil service for chief of police, G. L. 31, s. 49	Accepted	Mar. 1, 1937
Mar. 10	Franklin	Civil service for police, G. L. 31, s. 48	Accepted	Mar. 4, 1937
Mar. 10	Franklin	Civil service for chief of police, G. L. 31, s. 49	Accepted	Mar. 4, 1937
Mar. 12	Malden	Retirement on pension of Spanish and World War veterans, G. L. 32, ss. 56–60	Accepted	Mar. 11, 1937
Mar. 12	Kingston	Appointment of superintendent of streets, G. L. 41, s. 21	Accepted	Mar. 6, 1937
Mar. 12	Amesbury	Use of traps for capture of certain animals, G. L. 131, s. 105B	Accepted	Mar. 8, 1937
Mar. 13	Millbury	Retirement on pension of Spanish and World War veterans, G. L. 32, ss. 56–59	Accepted	Mar. 10, 1937
Mar. 13	Barnstable	Civil service for police, G. L. 31, s. 48	Accepted	Mar. 1, 1937
Mar. 13	Barnstable	Civil service for chief of police, G. L. 31, s. 49	Accepted	Mar. 1, 1937
Mar. 22	Lynnfield	Retirement on pension of Spanish and World War veterans, G. L. 32, ss. 56–59	Accepted	Mar. 15, 1937
Mar. 22	Gay Head	Retirement on pension of Spanish and World War veterans, G. L. 32, ss. 56–59	Accepted	Mar. 19, 1937
Mar. 25	Winchester	Sewers and pipes in unaccepted ways, G. L. 82, s. 25	Accepted	Mar. 22, 1937
Mar. 27	Wellesley	Public baths or wash houses, G. L. 40, s. 12	Accepted	Mar. 23, 1937
Mar. 29	Natick	Civil service for call men, G. L. 31, s. 48	Accepted	Mar. 16, 1937
Mar. 30	Hampden County	Retirement on pension of Spanish and World War veterans, G. L. 32, ss. 56–60	Accepted	Mar. 25, 1937
Mar. 30	Brockton	Retirement of certain army nurses, G. L. 32, s. 60A	Accepted	Mar. 29, 1937
Apr. 3	Webster	Civil service for chief of police, G. L. 31, s. 49	Accepted	Mar. 24, 1937
Apr. 6	Everett	Municipal advertising, G. L. 40, s. 6A	Accepted	Dec. 31, 1936
Apr. 8	Franklin County	Retirement on pension of Spanish and World War veterans, G. L. 32, ss. 56–60	Accepted	Apr. 6, 1937
Apr. 9	Easthampton	Retirement on pension of Spanish and World War veterans, G. L. 32, ss. 56–59	Accepted	Apr. 7, 1937
Apr. 12	Hampshire County	Retirement on pension of Spanish and World War veterans, G. L. 32, ss. 56–60	Accepted	Apr. 10, 1937
Apr. 12	Methuen	Retirement on pension of Spanish and World War veterans, G. L. 32, ss. 56–59	Accepted	Apr. 12, 1937
Apr. 12	Southbridge	Retirement on pension of Spanish and World War veterans, G. L. 32, ss. 56–59	Accepted	Feb. 1, 1937
Apr. 21	Falmouth	Retirement on pension of Spanish and World War veterans, G. L. 32, ss. 56–59	Accepted	Apr. 9, 1937
Apr. 27	Watertown	Retirement on pension of Spanish and World War veterans, G. L. 32, ss. 56–60	Accepted	Apr. 16, 1937
Apr. 30	Milford	Retirement on pension of Spanish and World War veterans, G. L. 32, ss. 56–60	Accepted	Apr. 27, 1937
May 5	Worcester	Building lines, G. L. 82, s. 37	Accepted	Apr. 22, 1937
May 6	Holyoke	One day off in every seven days for police officers, 1937, 85 (G. L. 147, s. 16A)	Accepted	May 5, 1937
May 14	New Bedford	One day off in every seven days for police officers, 1937, 85 (G. L. 147, s. 16A)	Accepted	Apr. 10, 1937
May 14	Bristol County	Retirement on pension of Spanish and World War veterans, G. L. 32, ss. 56–58	Accepted	May 11, 1937
May 17	Malden	One day off in every seven days for police officers, 1937, 85 (G. L. 147, s. 16A)	Accepted	May 14, 1937
May 20	Chatham	Fire department, G. L. 48, ss. 42, 43 and 44	Rejected	May 17, 1937
May 22	Everett	One day off in every seven days for police officers, 1937, 85 (G. L. 147, s. 16A)	Accepted	Mar. 29, 1937

June 3	Brockton	Labor service, G. L. 31, s. 14	Accepted	May 27, 1937
June 7	Oxford	Retirement on pension of Spanish and World War veterans, G. L. 32, ss. 56–59	Accepted	June 4, 1937
June 7	Medford	One day off in every seven days for police officers, 1937, 85 (G. L. 147, s. 16A)	Accepted	May 20, 1937
June 7	Medford	Licensing of open-air parking spaces, 1930, 399 (G. L. 148, s. 56)	Accepted	June 3, 1937
June 28	Holyoke	One day off in every seven days for police officers, 1937, 85 (G. L. 147, s. 16A)	Accepted	June 24, 1937
June 28	Holyoke	Pensions to foremen, inspectors, etc., 1936, 290 (G. L. 32, s. 77, par. (*c*))	Accepted	June 25, 1937
June 29	Brockton	One day off in every seven days for police officers, 1937, 85 (G. L. 147, s. 16A)	Accepted	June 25, 1937
July 7	Salem	Indemnification of officers or employees for damages, etc., incurred on account of injuries arising out of their operation of publicly owned motor vehicles, G. L. 41, s. 100A	Accepted	June 24, 1937
July 8	Waltham	Pensions for school janitors, G. L. 32, s. 44	Accepted	June 30, 1937
July 12	Peabody	Retirement on pension of Spanish and World War veterans, G. L. 32, ss. 56–60	Accepted	June 29, 1937
July 26	Revere	One day off in every seven days for police officers, 1937, 85 (G. L. 147, s. 16A)	Accepted	July 22, 1937
July 30	Gardner	Retirement on pension of Spanish and World War veterans, G. L. 32, ss. 56–60	Accepted	July 29, 1937
July 30	Natick	Planning board established, 1936, 211 (G. L. 41, s. 81A)	Accepted	June 1, 1937
Aug. 11	Natick	Retirement on pension of Spanish and World War veterans, G. L. 32, ss. 56–59	Accepted	June 28, 1937
Aug. 12	Leominster	Inspection of buildings, G. L. 143, ss. 3–12	Accepted	June 28, 1937
Aug. 16	Swampscott	Retirement on pension of Spanish and World War veterans, G. L. 32, ss. 56–59	Accepted	Aug. 5, 1937
Aug. 30	Swampscott	One day off in every seven days for police officers, 1937, 85 (G. L. 147, s. 16A)	Accepted	Aug. 12, 1937
Sept. 13	Peabody	Pensions to foremen, inspectors, etc., 1936, 290 (G. L. 32, s. 77, par. (*c*))	Accepted	Sept. 9, 1937
Sept. 17	Athol	Repair of drains, G. L. 83, s. 12	Accepted	Sept. 13, 1937
Sept. 17	Athol	Vacations for policemen and firemen, 1934, 107 (G. L. 41, s. 111A)	Accepted	Sept. 13, 1937
Oct. 8	Palmer	Retirement on pension of Spanish and World War veterans, G. L. 32, ss. 56–59	Accepted	Sept. 29, 1937
Oct. 8	Melrose	Vacations for policemen and firemen in cities, 1934, 107 (G. L. 41, s. 111A)	Accepted	Oct. 6, 1937
Oct. 15	Stoneham	Retirement on pension of Spanish and World War veterans, G. L. 32, ss. 56–59	Accepted	Sept. 28, 1937
Oct. 25	Rockport	Retirement on pension of Spanish and World War veterans, G. L. 32, ss. 56–59	Accepted	June 3, 1937
Nov. 4	Ipswich	Disposition of burnt or dangerous buildings, G. L. 139, ss. 1–3	Accepted	Nov. 1, 1937
Nov. 18	Stoneham	Disposition of burnt or dangerous buildings, G. L. 139, ss. 1–3	Accepted	Oct. 18, 1937

Returns relative to the Acceptance or Rejection of Certain Special Acts passed by the General Court and Referred to the Voters, to the City Council of a City, to the Selectmen of a Town, or the County Commissioners of a County

When Received	From Whom Received	Title of Act	Date of Action	Vote	
				Yes	No
1936					
Dec. 2	Clerk, Elm Hill Water District, Auburn	An Act establishing the Elm Hill Water District in the town of Auburn (1935, 386)	July 10, 1936	–[1]	–
Dec. 11	City Clerk, Revere	An Act placing under civil service the office of commissioner of soldiers' relief of the city of Revere and the position of investigator in the said office (1936, 355)	Dec. 8, 1936	6,829	1,937
Dec. 11	City Clerk, Revere	An Act placing under civil service the office of superintendent of wires of the city of Revere (1936, 356)	Dec. 8, 1936	6,889	1,773
Dec. 11	City Clerk, Peabody	An Act providing for biennial municipal elections in the city of Peabody (1936,338)	Dec. 8, 1936	4,097	1,042
Dec. 15	City Clerk, Gardner	An Act providing for biennial municipal elections in the city of Gardner (1936, 332)	Dec. 8, 1936	3,287	665
Dec. 16	City Clerk, Holyoke	An Act providing for biennial municipal elections in the city of Holyoke (1936, 327)	Dec. 1, 1936	7,797	6,545
Dec. 28	Town Clerk, West Newbury	An Act authorizing the town of West Newbury to supply itself and its inhabitants with water and validating action taken in relation to such water supply prior to such authorization (1936, 38)	Feb. 21, 1936	294	86
Dec. 28	Clerk, Bristol County Commissioners	An Act authorizing the county of Bristol to pension Lena A. Keefe (1936, 105)	Mar. 17, 1936	–[2]	–
Dec. 28	Town Clerk, Natick	An Act placing the office of inspector of buildings of the town of Natick under the civil service laws (1936, 19)	Mar. 2, 1936	1,908	1,823
Dec. 30	City Clerk, Marlborough	An Act authorizing the city of Marlborough to retire and pension Patrick M. Slattery and Frank Madden (1936, 277)	Nov. 3, 1936	3,629	1,849
Dec. 30	Assistant City Clerk, Beverly	An Act authorizing the city of Beverly to compensate the members of its board of aldermen (1936, 46)	Dec. 15, 1936	3,144	4,584
Dec. 30	Town Clerk, North Reading	An Act authorizing the town of North Reading to supply itself and its inhabitants with water (1936, 48)	Mar. 9, 1936	–[1]	–
Dec. 30	Town Clerk, Marion	An Act relative to the transfer or delegation of certain powers, duties and obligations vested by special law in the selectmen of the town of Marion (1936, 47)	Mar. 3, 1936	173	89
Dec. 31	City Clerk, Leominster	An Act establishing the salary of the mayor of the city of Leominster (1936, 122)	Dec. 8, 1936	1,818	2,295
Dec. 31	City Clerk, Lynn	An Act authorizing the city of Lynn to pay an annuity to the widow of Silas H. Holbrook (1936, 166)	May 5, 1936	–[3]	–
Dec. 31	City Clerk. Lynn	An Act authorizing the city of Lynn to pay an annuity to the widow of John J. Connelly (1936, 165)	May 5, 1936	–[3]	–
Dec. 31	Town Clerk, Braintree	An Act relative to the payment of the cost of construction of particular sewers and connecting drains in the town of Braintree (1936, 45)	Mar. 16, 1936	–[1]	–
Dec. 31	City Clerk, Waltham	An Act to provide for the funding by the city of Waltham of certain overpayments of taxes assessed to the Waltham Watch Company (1936, 361)	June 25, 1936	–[3]	–
Dec. 31	City Clerk, Quincy	An Act authorizing the school committee of the city of Quincy to take certain land for constructing and enclosing an athletic field and to charge admission fees in connection with certain contests and exhibitions held on such land (1936, 266)	July 20, 1936	–[3]	–
Dec. 31	Clerk, Bristol County Commissioners	An Act authorizing the county commissioners of Bristol county to erect and equip certain buildings at the Bristol county agricultural school (1936, 399)	July 7, 1936	–[2]	–

1937						
Jan. 2	City Clerk, Chelsea	An Act authorizing the city of Chelsea to pay an annuity to Frank T. Whalen (1936, 274)	May 27, 1936	–[4]	–	
Jan. 2	Town Clerk, Ware	An Act subjecting the office of agent for public welfare of the town of Ware to the civil service laws (1936, 419)	Dec. 29, 1936	–[5]	–	
Jan. 7	Clerk, Maple Hillside Water District of Millbury, Millbury	An Act establishing the Maple Hillside Water District of Millbury (1936, 336)	Oct. 23, 1936	–[5]	–	
Jan. 7	Clerk, Ring's Island Water District, Salisbury	An Act establishing the Ring's Island Water District in the town of Salisbury (1936, 298)	June 3, 1936	–[5]	–	
Jan. 7	Town Clerk, Dedham	An Act making the provisions of the civil service laws applicable to the town of Dedham with respect to its department of public works (1936, 3)	Mar. 2, 1936	2,407	952	
Jan. 11	Town Clerk, Norfolk	An Act authorizing the town of Norfolk to receive and administer the property of the Norfolk Cemetery Association in said town, subject to judicial decree as affecting trust property (1936, 26)	Mar. 2, 1936	–	–[6]	
Jan. 11	Town Clerk, Norfolk	An Act placing the office of chief of police of the town of Norfolk under the civil service laws (1936, 27)	Mar. 2, 1936	297	98	
Jan. 18	City Clerk, Medford	An Act providing an improved method of municipal planning (1936, 211)	Jan. 14, 1937	–[4]	–	
Jan. 19	City Clerk, Waltham	An Act relative to the pensions of laborers, foremen, inspectors, mechanics, draw tenders, assistant draw tenders and storekeepers in the employ of certain cities and towns (1936, 290)	Jan. 12, 1937	–[3]	–	
Jan. 26	City Clerk, Worcester	An Act relative to the retirement of policemen and firemen in certain cities and towns (1936, 439)	Jan. 22, 1937	–[3]	–	
Jan. 28	City Clerk, Somerville	An Act increasing the amount of pension which may be paid to retired public school janitors in certain cities and towns (1936, 223)	Jan. 26, 1937	–[4]	–	
Feb. 12	Town Clerk, Medway	An Act placing under the civil service laws the office of chief of police of the town of Medway (1937, 5)	Feb. 8, 1937	917	199	
Feb. 18	Town Clerk, Tewksbury	An Act placing under the civil service laws the office of chief of police of the town of Tewksbury (1937, 2)	Feb. 3, 1937	414	383	
Feb. 18	Town Clerk, Swampscott	An Act providing an improved method of municipal planning (1936, 211)	Feb. 15, 1937	–[1]	–	
Feb. 19	Town Clerk, Westford	An Act placing under the civil service laws the office of chief of police of the town of Westford (1936, 232)	Feb. 8, 1937	376	270	
Mar. 3	Town Clerk, Ipswich	An Act authorizing the establishment of a board of trustees to manage the land of the town of Ipswich at Great Neck in said town (1937, 16)	Mar. 1, 1937	–[5]	–	
Mar. 5	Town Clerk, Westwood	An Act to authorize the placing of the office of chief of police and the positions of members of the regular or permanent police force of the town of Westwood under the civil service laws (1937, 30)	Mar. 1, 1937	483	348	
Mar. 8	Town Clerk, North Andover	An Act placing under the civil service laws the office of chief of police of the town of North Andover (1937, 7)	Mar. 1, 1937	1,618	1,591	
Mar. 9	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the city of Boston to pay a certain sum of money to Miriam L. Shapiro of Boston (1937, 10)	Mar. 6, 1937	–[3]	–	
Mar. 12	Town Clerk, Amesbury	An Act establishing in the town of Amesbury representative town government by limited town meetings (1936, 39)	Mar. 8, 1937	920	1,768	
Mar. 12	Town Clerk, Chelmsford	An Act providing an improved method of municipal planning (1936, 211)	Mar. 8, 1937	–[1]	–	
Mar. 12	Town Clerk, South Dennis	An Act providing an improved method of municipal planning (1936, 211)	Mar. 2, 1937	–[1]	–	
Mar. 16	Town Clerk, Lincoln	An Act providing an improved method of municipal planning (1936, 211)	Mar. 1, 1937	–[5]	–	
Mar. 18	Chairman, Plymouth County Commissioners	An Act authorizing the county commissioners of Plymouth county to construct an elevated water tank and connections for providing better fire protection at the Plymouth County Tuberculosis Hospital and for the surfacing of the driveway and parking space on the property of said hospital (1937, 61)	Mar. 9, 1937	–[7]	–	

RETURNS RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF CERTAIN SPECIAL ACTS PASSED BY THE GENERAL COURT AND REFERRED TO THE VOTERS, TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF A CITY, TO THE SELECTMEN OF A TOWN, OR THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF A COUNTY —*Continued*

When Received	From Whom Received	Title of Act	Date of Action	Vote	
				Yes	No
1937					
Mar. 18	Chairman, Plymouth County Commissioners	An Act authorizing the county commissioners of Plymouth county to construct an elevated tank for water supply and to make certain other improvements at the county jail and house of correction at Plymouth (1937, 62)	Mar. 9, 1937	–[7]	–
Mar. 18	Chairman, Plymouth County Commissioners	An Act authorizing the county commissioners of the county of Plymouth to acquire property for the use of the second district court of said county, located in the town of Hingham (1937, 63)	Mar. 9, 1937	–[7]	–
Mar. 23	Town Clerk, Holliston	An Act placing under the civil service laws the office of chief of police of the town of Holliston (1937, 8)	Mar. 1, 1937	650	302
Mar. 23	Town Clerk, Ipswich	An Act providing an improved method of municipal planning (1936, 211)	Mar. 1, 1937	–[1]	–
Mar. 26	Secretary, Norfolk County Commissioners	An Act authorizing the county commissioners of the county of Norfolk to provide adequate accommodations for the district court of East Norfolk at Quincy and for the district court of Northern Norfolk at Dedham (1937, 100)	Mar. 16, 1937	–[8]	–
Mar. 27	Town Clerk, Wellesley	An Act providing an improved method of municipal planning (1936, 211)	Mar. 23, 1937	–[5]	–
Mar. 29	Town Clerk, Natick	An Act placing the office of agent for public welfare of the town of Natick under the civil service laws (1936, 292)	Mar. 16, 1937	1,483	2,812
Apr. 3	District Clerk and Treasurer, Whately Fire and Water District, Whately	An Act establishing the Whately Fire and Water District in the town of Whately (1934, 102)	Mar. 19, 1937	–[1]	–
Apr. 9	Acting City Clerk, Melrose	An Act relative to the construction of certain main and particular sewers in the southeasterly section of the city of Melrose (1937, 58)	Apr. 7, 1937	–[4]	–
Apr. 15	City Clerk, Boston	An Act to enable the city of Boston to secure the benefits of certain acts and joint resolutions of the Congress of the United States for carrying out a certain subway project in said city (1937, 159)	Apr. 14, 1937	–[3]	–
Apr. 15	City Clerk, Boston	An Act relative to payments under the Boston retirement act for incapacity or death occasioned by an accident or by undergoing a hazard peculiar to the member's employment (1937, 163)	Apr. 14, 1937	–[3]	–
Apr. 28	Assistant Clerk, Middlesex County Commissioners	An Act authorizing the county of Middlesex to provide additional accommodations for the first district court of eastern Middlesex (1937, 50)	Apr. 27, 1937	–[9]	–
Apr. 28	Clerk, Boston Elevated Railway Company, Boston	An Act to enable the city of Boston to secure the benefits of certain acts and joint resolutions of the Congress of the United States for carrying out a certain subway project in said city (1937, 159)	Apr. 27, 1937	–[10]	–
Apr. 30	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the city of Boston to pay a certain sum of money to the widow of Richard D. Gleason (1937, 198)	Apr. 28, 1937	–[3]	–
May 7	City Clerk, Boston	An Act providing for an extension of the period within which the city of Boston may borrow money for airport purposes (1937, 160)	May 4, 1937	–[3]	–
May 7	City Clerk, Boston	An Act providing for the construction of an underpass in Commonwealth Avenue at or near its intersection with Massachusetts Avenue in the city of Boston (1937, 173)	May 4, 1937	–[3]	–

May 7	Clerk, Buzzard's Bay Water District, Bourne	An Act establishing the Buzzard's Bay Water District in the town of Bourne (1937, 145)	May 5, 1937	–[1]	–	
May 22	City Clerk, Worcester	An Act authorizing the city of Worcester to temporarily reinstate Timothy H. Murphy as an employee for the sole purpose of being retired (1937, 254)	May 19, 1937	–[3]	–	
May 26	City Clerk, Boston	An Act relative to the salaries of the principal assessors of the city of Boston (1937, 190)	May 25, 1937	–[3]	–	
June 11	City Clerk, Lynn	An Act authorizing the city of Lynn to pay an annuity to the widow of Roger Dwyer (1937, 193)	Apr. 20, 1937	–[3]	–	
June 14	City Clerk, Worcester	An Act relative to indemnification of certain public employees for damages sustained through operation of certain publicly owned vehicles (1934, 291)	June 10, 1937	–[3]	–	
June 16	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the city of Boston to pension Daniel J. McDonald (1937, 368)	June 8, 1937	–[3]	–	
June 16	Clerk, Worcester County Commissioners	An Act establishing the office of second assistant clerk of the central district court of Worcester (1937, 297)	June 15, 1937	–[11]	–	
June 18	City Clerk, Pittsfield	An Act transferring certain drivers of patrol wagons and ambulances of the police department of the city of Pittsfield to the rank of regular officers of said department (1937, 272)	June 14, 1937	–[3]	–	
June 24	City Clerk, Beverly	An Act relative to the pensions of laborers, foremen, inspectors, mechanics, draw tenders, assistant draw tenders and storekeepers in the employ of certain cities and towns (1936, 290)	June 22, 1937	–[4]	–	
June 30	City Clerk, Fall River	An Act reallocating the cost of the repair of the Slade's Ferry Bridge, so called, over the Taunton river (1935, 488)	June 28, 1937	–[12]	–	
July 6	Chairman, Board of Selectmen, Somerset	An Act reallocating the cost of the repair of the Slade's Ferry Bridge, so called, over the Taunton river (1935, 488)	July 2, 1937	–[13]	–	
July 7	City Clerk, Salem	An Act providing for the inclusion of additional public employees within the provisions of the workmen's compensation law (1936, 403)	June 24, 1937	–[3]	–	
July 8	Clerk, Associated Charities of Pittsfield, Inc., Pittsfield	An Act authorizing the Associated Charities of Pittsfield to transfer certain funds to the Berkshire County Home for Aged Women (1937, 137)	June 30, 1937	–[14]	–	
July 9	City Clerk, Waltham	An Act relative to the retirement of policemen and firemen in certain cities and towns (1936, 439)	June 23, 1937	–[3]	–	
July 12	City Clerk, Peabody	An Act providing for the inclusion of additional public employees within the provisions of the workmen's compensation law (1936, 403)	July 8, 1937	–[3]	–	
July 29	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the city of Boston to refund to Dooley Bros., Inc., the amount of its deposit on its proposal for a certain contract to remove ashes and garbage (1937, 222)	July 27, 1937	–[2]	–	
Aug. 12	City Clerk, Pittsfield	An Act providing an improved method of municipal planning (1936, 211)	Aug. 10, 1937	–[3]	–	
Sept. 7	Town Clerk, Ipswich	An Act providing for absent voting at regular town elections (1937, 77)	Sept. 2, 1937	–[1]	–	
Sept. 7	Town Clerk, Ipswich	An Act relative to the investment and disbursement of funds in the hands of the Trustees of the Burley Education Fund in Ipswich (1937, 98)	Sept. 2, 1937	–[1]	–	
Sept. 13	Secretary, Trustees of the Burley Education Fund, Ipswich	An Act relative to the investment and disbursement of funds in the hands of the Trustees of the Burley Education Fund in Ipswich (1937, 98)	Sept. 9, 1937	–[15]	–	
Sept. 17	Town Clerk, Brookline	An Act providing for absent voting at regular town elections (1937, 77)	Sept. 14, 1937	–[1]	–	
Sept. 25	Clerk, Norfolk County Commissioners	An Act authorizing the acquisition of certain land for the purposes of the Norfolk County Tuberculosis Hospital (1937, 330)	Sept. 21, 1937	–[8]	–	
Sept. 29	City Clerk, Somerville	An Act authorizing the city of Somerville to pay certain bills of the year nineteen hundred and thirty-five (1937, 388)	Aug. 11, 1937	–[4]	–	
Oct. 20	Town Clerk, Barnstable	An Act providing for absent voting at regular town elections (1937, 77)	Oct. 15, 1937	–[1]	–	
Oct. 23	Town Clerk, Medfield	An Act to authorize the placing of the office of chief of police of the town of Medfield under the civil service laws (1937, 31)	Mar. 1, 1937	414	348	
Oct. 23	Town Clerk, Braintree	An Act establishing in the town of Braintree representative town government by limited town meetings (1937, 17)	Mar. 1, 1937	1,833	1,852	
Oct. 23	Town Clerk, Northbridge	An Act placing under the civil service laws the office of chief of police of the town of Northbridge (1937, 12)	Feb. 8, 1937	1,601	369	
Oct. 25	Town Clerk, Milford	An Act authorizing the appointment to the permanent force of the fire department of the town of Milford of certain call men in said department (1937, 37)	Mar. 15, 1937	–[5]	–	

RETURNS RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF CERTAIN SPECIAL ACTS PASSED BY THE GENERAL COURT AND REFERRED TO THE VOTERS, TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF A CITY, TO THE SELECTMEN OF A TOWN, OR THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF A COUNTY —*Concluded*

When Received	From Whom Received	Title of Act	Date of Action	Vote	
				Yes	No
Oct. 25	Town Clerk, Chelmsford	An Act to authorize the placing of the office of chief of police and the positions of members of the regular or permanent police force of the town of Chelmsford under the civil service laws (1937, 48)	Mar. 1, 1937	808	1,252
Oct. 25	Town Clerk, Warren	An Act authorizing the town of Warren to borrow money for town hall building purposes (1937, 376)	Aug. 10, 1937	–[5]	–
Nov. 2	Town Clerk, Rutland	An Act authorizing the town of Rutland to receive and administer the property of the Second Rural Cemetery Association in said town, subject to judicial decree as affecting trust property (1937, 293)	Oct. 28, 1937	–[1]	–
Nov. 12	City Clerk, Springfield	An Act relative to the establishment of salaries for the members of the city council of the city of Springfield (1937, 115)	Nov. 2, 1937	11,532	22,739
Nov. 12	City Clerk, Medford	An Act providing for the filling of vacancies in the board of aldermen of the city of Medford by the remaining members of said board (1937, 9)	Nov. 2, 1937	10,776	5,598
Nov. 12	City Clerk, Medford	An Act increasing the membership of the board of public welfare of the city of Medford (1937, 134)	Nov. 2, 1937	9,530	7,250
Nov. 12	City Clerk, Cambridge	An Act to authorize the placing of the office of chief of the fire department of the city of Cambridge under the civil service laws (1937, 262)	Nov. 2, 1937	22,592	5,409
Nov. 13	City Clerk, Waltham	An Act to provide for the funding by the city of Waltham of certain overpayments of taxes assessed to the Waltham Watch Company (1937, 386)	July 2, 1937	–[1]	–
Nov. 15	Town Clerk, Leicester	An Act providing for absent voting at regular town elections (1937, 77)	Nov. 14, 1937	–[1]	–
Nov. 17	City Clerk, Somerville	An Act authorizing the temporary reinstatement, for purposes of retirement only, of J. Edgar Thompson as a member of the fire department of the city of Somerville (1937, 194)	May 18, 1937	–[16]	–
Nov. 18	Chairman, Lowell Election Commission	An Act subjecting the office of commissioner of soldiers' relief and state and military aid of the city of Lowell to the civil service laws (1937, 319)	Nov. 2, 1937	18,692	9,069
Nov. 24	Clerk, Berkshire County Home for Aged Women, Pittsfield	An Act authorizing the Associated Charities of Pittsfield to transfer certain funds to the Berkshire County Home for Aged Women (1937, 137)	June 16, 1937	–[17]	–
Nov. 29	Town Clerk, Scituate	An Act providing for absent voting at regular town elections (1937, 77)	Sept. 27, 1937	–[1]	–

[1]Accepted, affirmative and negative votes not returned.
[2]Accepted by the county commissioners of Bristol County.
[3]Accepted by the city council.
[4]Accepted by the board of aldermen.
[5]Adopted by unanimous vote.
[6]Rejected, affirmative and negative votes not returned.
[7]Accepted by the county commissioners of Plymouth County.
[8]Accepted by the county commissioners of Norfolk County.
[9]Accepted by the county commissioners of Middlesex County.
[10]Accepted by the board of directors of the Boston Elevated Railway Company.
[11]Accepted by the county commissioners of Worcester County.
[12]Accepted by the mayor and city council.
[13]Accepted by the board of selectmen.
[14]Accepted by the board of directors of the Associated Charities of Pittsfield, Inc.
[15]Accepted by the trustees of the Burley Education Fund.
[16]Accepted by the mayor and board of aldermen.
[17]Accepted by the board of directors of the Berkshire County Home for Aged Women

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Office of the Secretary, January 1, 1939

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:—

I have the honor to submit, in compliance with General Laws, (Tercentenary Edition) Chapter 9, section 17, as amended by Chapter 37 of the Acts of 1934, and by Chapter 31 of the Acts of 1936, the annual report of the transactions of this office for the year ending November 30, 1938. A report showing the aggregate vote, both affirmative and negative, on every act or part of an act which shall have been referred by the General Court for acceptance or rejection to the voters of the Commonwealth or any part thereof, or to the city council of any city, during the calendar year 1938.

In further compliance with law, I submit the following recommendations:

Recommendations

1. Article XLV of the Amendments to the Constitution provides that "The general court shall have power to provide by law for voting by qualified voters of the Commonwealth who, at the time of an election, are absent from the city or town of which they are inhabitants in the choice of any officer to be elected or upon any question submitted at such election." Because of the large number of applications preceding the last election, and with the conviction that this privilege should be extended to unfortunates deprived of the right to vote because of physical disability, I respectfully renew the recommendation which I have several times made to the General Court, that the provisions of said article be extended to include qualified voters who, by reason of physical disability, are unable to cast their votes at the polling place in person.

2. Due to continued increase in the volume of business in this department, especially during the last few years, it seems advisable to reorganize certain branches of the work. Many state departments now have power to establish divisions within their departments, under the direction of a specified head of the division. I respectfully request authority to appoint a third deputy and to establish, from time to time, divisions within this department and to appoint and remove a suitable director for each division so established. This request is made, not for the purpose of creating additional positions, but solely for the purpose of attaining greater efficiency.

Receipts

The following table shows in detail receipts during the fiscal year ending November 30, 1938, from fees, etc., all of which were paid into the treasury daily, and quarterly reports thereof made to the Governor and Council, as required by General Laws (Tercentenary Edition), chapter 9, section 1:—

Commissions		$17,725 00
Corporations		366,468 42
Limited Partnerships		47 00
Trade-Marks		5,800 00
Sale of Books, etc.		15,695 12
Certificates		3,526 50
Military Records		84 65
Copies:		
Corporation	$5,611 90	
Archives	3,851 10	
	$9,463 00	9,463 00

Advance Sheets	666 00
Vital Statistics	2,894 21
Trust Receipts	2,346 00
Miscellaneous Income	19.13
	$425,158 03

Financial Statement Verified.
Approved.

GEO. E. MURPHY,
Comptroller.

COMMISSIONS

The number of commissions issued during the year ending November 30, 1938, was 3,976 (a decrease of 164 from the preceding year), of which 435 were without fee and 139 became void by reason of the failure of the appointees to take out the commissions or to qualify thereunder. The different classes were as follows:—

Notaries public	3,146
Justices of the peace	357
Justices of the peace to solemnize marriages	14
District Attorney	1
Justices and special justices, municipal and district courts	20
Justices of the peace to issue warrants and take bail	10
Trial justices	3
Clerks, municipal and district courts	1
Masters in chancery	16
Public administrators	16
Special state police officers	41
Trustees, commissioners, etc.	219
Public warehousemen	28
Medical examiners	10
Associate medical examiners	10
Commissioners to qualify public officers	5
Commissioners in other states	1
Commissioners in foreign countries	2
Chief Justice, Supreme Court	1
Justice, Supreme Judicial Court	1
Justice, Superior Court	1
Judges of Probate and Insolvency	4
Fall River Board of Police	1
Sheriff, Suffolk County	1
Supervisors of Elections, City of Boston	30
Supervisors of Elections, City of Revere	30
Executive Secretary	1
Executive Messengers	2
Private Secretary to the Governor	1
Assistant Secretaries, Governor's Office	2
Chief Clerk, Governor's Office	1
	3,976

Certificates to the number of 8,791 were issued, of which 1,738 were for certificates for which no fees are charged.

CORPORATION DIVISION (Rooms 332 and 333)

The total number of certificates of incorporation issued under General Laws to new corporations for the fiscal year ending November 30, 1938, was 2,438—a decrease of 440 as compared with the fiscal year ending November 30, 1937. They were classified as follows:—

Business corporations (under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 156, section 12)	2,075
Religious, charitable, social, educational, musical, athletic etc. corporations (under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 180, section 3)	310
Fraternal beneficiary corporations (under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 176, section 9)	16
Churches (under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 67, section 51)	7
Credit unions (under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 171, section 3)	27
Insurance company (under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 175, section 49)	1
Safe deposit company (under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 158, section 2)	1
Water company (under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 158, section 9)	1

The number of certificates of every description filed was 29,719—a decrease of 11 as compared with the fiscal year ending November 30, 1937. Of these 2,075 were articles of organization of business corporations (under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 156, section 12); 310 were articles of organization of religious, charitable, social and other organizations (under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 180); 1,479 were amendments of Massachusetts business corporations (under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 156, sections 16, 17, 42–45); 19,397 were certificates of condition of Massachusetts corporations (under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 158, section 37 and chapter 156, section 47); 2,119 were certificates of condition of foreign corporations (under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 181, section 12); 1,405 were reports of social and athletic organizations (under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 180, section 26A) and the others were divided among 36 other classes.

There were issued 43 certificates of change of name of corporations (under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 155, section 10, and chapter 180, section 11).

Returns were received of the dissolution of 16 corporations by the Supreme Judicial and Superior Courts.

Under the act relating to the incorporation of clubs, charters were refused in 29 cases, 2 charters declared void, and 26 applications for incorporation withdrawn. Under the law relative to change of name of clubs, 2 applications were withdrawn.

Limited partnership certificates to the number of 42 were filed. 2,474 certified copies of the records and certificates were supplied—a decrease of 884 as compared with the fiscal year ending November 30, 1937.

Labels, Trade-marks etc.

By General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 110, section 8, which relates to the adoption and registration of labels, trade-marks, stamps and forms of advertisement, the duty is placed upon the Secretary of the Commonwealth of receiving and filing such labels etc., and of issuing and recording certificates of record. Under this law, labels, trade-marks, stamps and forms of advertisement were received, and certificates of record issued and recorded in 223 cases.

Under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 110, section 8, which provides for the assignment of labels, trade-marks, stamps and forms of advertisement, 7 assignments were received, and certificates of registration issued.

Insignia of Societies and Labor Unions

General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 110, section 9, provides for the registration in this office of the insignia, ribbons, badges, rosettes, buttons and emblems of societies, associations and labor unions. One registration was received which has been included with the number of labels above given, under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 110, section 8.

Marks and Devices on Cans etc.

By General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 110, section 17, which provides for the protection of owners of cans, bottles, boxes, siphons and fountains used in the sale of soda water, mineral and aerated waters, ale, beer, ginger ale or similar beverages, it is made the duty of the Secretary of the Commonwealth to receive and file descriptions of marks, devices etc., and under this law one such description was received and filed.

Under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 110, section 21, which provides for the protection of dealers and consumers against the unlawful use and destruction of milk and ice cream cans, jugs, bottles, jars, tubs or cabinets, 6 descriptions of marks, devices etc. were received and filed.

Statements of Trust Receipt Financing

Chapter 255A of the General Laws (inserted by chapter 264 of the Acts of 1936) provides for the filing in this office of statements of trust receipt financing. Under this law 2,346 statements were received and filed.

Vital Statistics Division (Room 334)

Under the provisions of General Laws (Tercentenary Edition), chapter 46, section 17, returns of births and marriages from 355 cities and towns and births from the State Infirmary at Tewksbury for the year 1937, which were received in 1937, cover 62,222 births and 33,652 marriages, an increase of 319 births, an increase of 1,667 marriages, as compared with the returns of 1936.

Under the provisions of the same law, 52,287 certified copies of records of deaths were received, covering a period from January 1, 1937 to December 31, 1937, an increase of 233 as compared with the returns of 1936.

Medical examiners' returns for 1937 cover 10,069, an increase of 281 as compared with returns for 1936.

Returns by clerks of courts and registers of probate of the decrees of divorce granted during 1937 number 4,687, an increase of 376 as compared with the returns for 1936.

These figures are fully compiled and analyzed in the annual registration report for 1937 (Public Document No. 1) and were available August 2, 1938.

During the year, 4,674 certificates of births, 1,480 certificates of marriage and 1,477 certificates of death were issued, a total of 7,631, an increase of 1,106 more certificates in comparison with the number issued during 1937. Of these 1,803 were certified abstracts given for Soldiers' Relief and United States Government war claims without fee.

There were 47,320 requests for records, during 1938.

A great demand is being made for records for social security, aid and relief, and other purposes, and no doubt will continue for some time to come.

Fees received for issuing certified copies of records amounted to $2,893.96, an increase in receipts of $370.39.

29,254 card abstracts of birth records for school, employment, enlistment, welfare and civil service purposes were issued without charge.

There were 9,682 references issued of records of marriages and deaths without fee, for welfare, old age assistance, employment and insurance purposes.

There were 5,198 delayed records of birth and correction of birth records, 421 corrections of marriages and 173 corrections of death records also received.

Changes of Names of Persons

Returns of 1,755 names changed in 1937 as decreed by the several probate courts, were received and filed in compliance with the requirements of General Laws, (Tercentenary Edition), chapter 210, section 12.

Archives Division (Room 438)

During the fiscal year there have been made 78 military certificates, 63 typewritten copies, and 25,662 photostatic copies of legislative records and files, maps, plans, corporation records, etc.

The following fees have been received:

Military certificates, $84.65; typewritten copies, $65.10; photostatic copies (certified and uncertified), $3,786; totaling $3,935.75.

No volumes of Vital Records were purchased during the year as no appropriation was made for the purpose.

The work of rebinding has been carried on during the year under a W. P. A. project, and more than 300 volumes have been completed.

The work is nearly finished, with the result that the entire collection, including about 90 volumes of Acts embracing the years 1826 to 1898, now rests in excellent condition.

Public Document Division (Room 118)

During the year 1938 the following publications were received for distribution through the Public Document Division: 71,437 volumes of the Public Document Series, representing 77 reports of the several State departments, boards and commissions; 9,000 copies of the 1937 bound edition of the Session Laws, commonly called the Blue Book; 10,032 copies of the 1938 pamphlet edition of the Session Laws; 410 copies of the Massachusetts Reports, No. 291; 500 copies of the Proceedings of the Seventy-second Annual Encampment, Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Massachusetts, 1938; 800 copies of the Proceedings of the Thirty-eighth Annual Encampment, United Spanish War Veterans, Department of Massachusetts, 1937; 1,200 copies of the Proceedings of the Nineteenth Annual Convention, The American Legion, Department of Massachusetts, 1937; 802 copies of the Proceedings of the Seventeenth Annual Encampment, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Massachusetts, 1937; 10,123 copies of the Manual of Fire Department Equipment and Practice, 1938; 2,956 copies of the Manual for the Guidance of Applicants for Positions as Civil Engineers, Grades I & II, 1938; 250 copies of the 1937 Report of the Fall River Board of Finance, which copies were received from the above board; 1,500 copies of the Statutes Relating to Savings Banks, 1938; 477 copies of the Act for Codification, Revision and Amendment of the Laws Relative to the Construction, Alteration and Maintenance of Buildings and other Structures in the City of Boston, Acts of 1938, Chapter 479; 5,499 copies of the General Laws Relating to Primaries, Caucuses and Elections, 1938; 5,001 copies of the Report of the Special Commission to Investigate the Activities within This Commonwealth of Communistic, Fascist, Nazi and Other Subversive Organizations, So Called, 1938, (House Document No. 2100); 2,502 copies of the Report of the Special Commission on Taxation and Public Expenditures, 1938, (House Documents Nos. 1583 and 1702 to 1717, inclusive); 2,000 copies of the Addresses and Messages to the General Court, Proclamations, Official Addresses, Correspondence and Statements of His Excellency Governor James M. Curley, 1935 and 1936; 2,000 copies of the Massachusetts Soldiers, Sailors and Marines in the Civil War, Index; 300 copies of the Journals of the House of Representatives, Volume 16, 1738–39; making a grand total of 126,789 volumes that have passed through this division during the year.

Legislative Counsel and Agents' Expenses

In compliance with General Laws, (Tercentenary Edition) chapter 3, sections 39 to 50 inclusive, relative to legislative counsel and agents' expenses incurred or paid in connection with promoting or opposing legislation during the last regular session of the General Court, there were 264 entries made in the dockets, a decrease of 3 as compared with 1937.

Returns covering 253 entries were received from persons, associations or corporations employing legislative counsel and agents. Eight employers who failed to file returns within the time prescribed by law were reported to the Attorney General, together with 4 returns which did not appear to conform to law.

The total amount reported as paid to legislative counsel and agents was $110,836. In addition to this amount $20,050, representing annual salaries or retainers apportioned, and $66,915 unapportioned, was reported. Fifteen employers stated that they paid nothing.

Proclamations

The proclamations of His Excellency the Governor were printed and distributed

under the direction of this office. For the observance of each of the following 11,000 copies were distributed to churches, schools, institutions, patriotic societies, postmasters and city and town clerks:—New Orleans Day, January 8, 1938; Lincoln Day, February 12, 1938; Spanish War Memorial Day and Maine Memorial Day, February 15, 1938; Boston Massacre, March 5, 1938; Evacuation Day, March 17, 1938; Patriots' Day, April 19, 1938; Lafayette Day, May 20, 1938; Flag Day, June 14, 1938; Bunker Hill Day, June 17, 1938; Commodore John Barry Day, September 13, 1938; National Guard Day, September 17, 1938; Pulaski Day, October 11, 1938; Armistice Day, November 11, 1938, and Thanksgiving Day, November 24, 1938. Eleven thousand copies of the Arbor and Bird Day proclamations were mailed to churches, schools, granges, agricultural societies, institutions, postmasters and city and town clerks. August 16, 1938 was designated as Indian Day and 6,500 copies of the Governor's proclamation were distributed to churches, institutions, patriotic societies, postmasters and city and town clerks.

Fire Prevention Week was designated to include the week of October 9, 1938 and 6,650 copies of the Governor's proclamation were distributed to the fire chiefs of the Commonwealth for churches, schools and post offices. The week of November 6, 1938 was set apart as American Education Week and 11,000 copies of the Governor's proclamation were distributed to churches, schools, institutions, patriotic societies, postmasters and city and town clerks.

A proclamation was also issued for calling together the members of the General Court on October 26, 1938, to take legislative action to provide funds to meet conditions caused by the hurricane and floods, 400 copies of which were mailed to members of the General Court.

A proclamation was also issued by the Governor on December 8, 1938, promulgating the seventy-second article of amendment to the Constitution, 100 copies of which were printed and distributed to the justices of the Supreme Judicial and Superior Courts and district attorneys.

Conservation Week was designated as the week beginning April 4, 1938 and National Defense Week was designated as the period between Lincoln's Birthday, February 12, 1938 and Washington's Birthday, February 22, 1938, and proclamations were issued by His Excellency the Governor to the press.

Pardons, Commutations, Respites, Requisitions, etc.

The number of pardons made out and issued during the year was 14, of which 10 were granted under parole conditions, and 4 full and complete; 1 commutation; 8 respites; requisitions: upon other States, 81, upon the Secretary of the Navy of the United States, 1, and upon the Chief of the District Court of the United States for the District of Columbia, 1; and warrants issued upon requisitions from other States, 35.

Rules and Regulations of State Departments

By General Laws (Tercentenary Edition), chapter 30, section 37, certain rules and regulations of departments, commissions, boards or officials vested by law with the power to make and issue rules and regulations general in scope, and to be observed or performed under penalty for the violation thereof, shall not take effect until attested copies thereof have been filed with the Secretary of the Commonwealth. Under this law rules and regulations were filed by the following departments during the year 1938: Department of Agriculture, Department of Civil Service and Registration, Department of Conservation, Department of Labor and Industries, Department of Public Health, Department of Public Safety, Department of Public Utilities, Department of Public Works, Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission, Appellate Tax Board, Milk Control Board and Unemployment Compensation Commission.

Miscellaneous

The two reports from this office which form a part of the Public Document series, namely, Returns of Births, Marriages, Divorces and Deaths (Public Document No. 1) and Election Statistics, (Public Document No. 43) have been made, as required by law.

Frederic W. Cook,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Returns from Cities and Towns Relative to Action taken under Certain Provisions of the General Laws
(Tercentenary Edition)

When Received	City or Town	Subject and Reference	Action	Date of Action
1937				
Dec. 16	Gardner	Absent voting at regular city and town elections, 1937, 77, s. 1 (G. L. 54, s. 103A)	Accepted	Dec. 8, 1937
Dec. 16	Springfield	Absent voting at regular city and town elections, 1937, 77, s. 1 (G. L. 54, s. 103A)	Accepted	Dec. 6, 1937
Dec. 17	Quincy	Establishment of purchasing department, G. L. 41, s. 103	Accepted	Dec. 7, 1937
Dec. 18	Lowell	One day off in every seven days for police officers in certain cities and towns, 1937, 85, s. 1 (G. L. 147, s. 16A)	Accepted	Dec. 10, 1937
Dec. 23	Worcester	One day off in every seven days for police officers in certain cities and towns, 1937, 85, s. 1 (G. L. 147, s. 16A)	Accepted	Dec. 21, 1937
Dec. 27	Duxbury	Retirement of veterans of Spanish and World wars, G. L. 32, ss. 56–59	Accepted	Dec. 17, 1937
Dec. 28	Wareham	Retirement of veterans of Spanish and World wars, G. L. 32, ss. 56–60	Accepted	Dec. 27, 1937
Dec. 30	Taunton	Retirement of veterans of Spanish and World wars, G. L. 32, ss. 56–59	Accepted	Dec. 27, 1937
Dec. 30	Northborough	Retirement of veterans of Spanish and World wars, G. L. 32, ss. 56–59	Accepted	Dec. 3, 1937
Dec. 31	Duxbury Fire and Water District, Duxbury	Retirement of veterans of Spanish and World wars, G. L. 32, ss. 56–59	Accepted	Dec. 29, 1937
Dec. 31	Millis	Retirement of veterans of Spanish and World wars, G. L. 32, ss. 56–59	Accepted	Dec. 16, 1937
Dec. 31	Marblehead	Retirement of veterans of Spanish and World wars, G. L. 32, ss. 56–59	Accepted	Dec. 29, 1937
1938				
Jan. 3	Melrose	One day off in every seven days for police officers in certain cities and towns, 1937, 85, s. 1 (G. L. 147, s. 16A)	Accepted	Dec. 31, 1937
Jan. 5	Beverly	One day off in every seven days for police officers in certain cities and towns, 1937, 85, s. 1 (G. L. 147, s. 16A)	Accepted	Dec. 31, 1937
Jan. 6	Everett	Licensing of open-air parking spaces, G. L. 148, s. 56	Accepted	Dec. 31, 1937
Jan. 6	Brimfield	Absent voting at regular city and town elections, 1937, 77, s. 1 (G. L. 54, s. 103A)	Accepted	Jan. 5, 1938
Jan. 7	Marblehead	One day off in every seven days for police officers in certain cities and towns, 1937, 85, s. 1 (G. L. 147, s. 16A)	Accepted	Jan. 5, 1938
Jan. 20	Chicopee	Retirement of veterans of Spanish and World wars, G. L. 32, ss. 56–59	Accepted	Dec. 29, 1937
Feb. 4	Malden	Civil service for laborers, G. L. 31, s. 47	Accepted	Jan. 28, 1938
Feb. 12	Harwich	Absent voting at regular city and town elections, 1937, 77, s. 1 (G. L. 54, s. 103A)	Accepted	Feb. 8, 1938
Feb. 12	Eastham	Absent voting at regular city and town elections, 1937, 77, s. 1 (G. L. 54, s. 103A)	Accepted	Feb. 7, 1938
Feb. 19	Manchester	Absent voting at regular city and town elections, 1937, 77, s. 1 (G. L. 54, s. 103A)	Accepted	Feb. 14, 1938
Feb. 21	Medford	Reserve police force in cities, G. L. 147, ss. 11–13	Accepted	Feb. 18, 1938
Feb. 26	Walpole	Absent voting at regular city and town elections, 1937, 77, s. 1 (G. L. 54, s. 103A)	Accepted	Feb. 21, 1938
Mar. 3	Palmer	Civil service for policemen, G. L. 31, s. 48	Accepted	Feb. 28, 1938
Mar. 3	Princeton	Absent voting at regular city and town elections, 1937, 77, s. 1 (G. L. 54, s. 103A)	Accepted	Feb. 7, 1938
Mar. 3	Gill	Precinct voting, G. L. 39, s. 20	Accepted	Jan. 29, 1937
Mar. 3	Gill	Town caucus, 1936, 204 (G. L. 53, s. 121)	Accepted	Jan. 29, 1937
Mar. 4	New Bedford	Workmen's compensation for laborers, workmen and mechanics, 1936, 260 (G. L. 152, s. 69)	Accepted	Mar. 3, 1938
Mar. 7	Ayer	Civil service for policemen and firemen, G. L. 31, s. 48	Accepted	Feb. 7, 1938
Mar. 9	Clinton	Suspension of use of traps and other devices for the capture of fur-bearing animals, 1934, 275 (G. L. 131, s. 105C)	Accepted	Mar. 7, 1938
Mar. 10	Amesbury	Civil service for policemen, firemen and call members of the fire force, G. L. 31, s. 48	Accepted	Mar. 7, 1938
Mar. 10	Amesbury	Civil service for chief of police, G. L. 31, s. 49	Accepted	Mar. 7, 1938
Mar. 11	Petersham	Appointment of school physician as town physician, G. L. 41, s. 106A	Accepted	Mar. 7, 1938
Mar. 14	Pittsfield	Reserve fire forces in cities, 1928, 218 (G. L. 48, ss. 59B–59D)	Accepted	Oct. 17, 1929
Mar. 15	Lunenburg	Fire department, G. L. 48, ss. 42, 43 and 44	Accepted	Mar. 6, 1937

Mar. 19	Wrentham	Absent voting at regular city and town elections, 1937, 77, s. 1 (G. L. 54, s. 103A)	Accepted	Mar. 7, 1938
Mar. 19	Rehoboth	Absent voting at regular city and town elections, 1937, 77, s. 1 (G. L. 54, s. 103A)	Accepted	Mar. 7, 1938
Mar. 19	Wellesley	Absent voting at regular city and town elections, 1937, 77, s. 1 (G. L. 54, s. 103A)	Accepted	Mar. 15, 1938
Mar. 19	West Newbury	Commissioner of trust funds, G. L. 41, s. 45	Accepted	Mar. 5, 1938
Mar. 21	Falmouth	Absent voting at regular city and town elections, 1937, 77, s. 1 (G. L. 54, s. 103A)	Accepted	Feb. 16, 1938
Mar. 22	Dover	Workmen's compensation for injuries sustained by certain public employees, G. L. 152, s. 69	Accepted	Mar. 14, 1938
Mar. 25	Kingston	Absent voting at regular city and town elections, 1937, 77, s. 1 (G. L. 54, s. 103A)	Accepted	Mar. 19, 1938
Mar. 25	Weymouth	Retirement of veterans of Spanish and World wars and army nurses, G. L. 32, ss. 56–60A	Accepted	Mar. 7, 1938
Mar. 25	Kingston	Vacations for policemen and firemen in towns, G. L. 41, s. 111A	Accepted	Mar. 19, 1938
Mar. 29	Framingham	Absent voting at regular city and town elections, 1937, 77, s. 1 (G. L. 54, s. 103A)	Accepted	Mar. 21, 1938
Mar. 29	Carlisle	Amateur sports permitted on the Lord's day, G. L. 136, ss. 26–32	Accepted	Feb. 14, 1938
Mar. 30	Marion	Absent voting at regular city and town elections, 1937, 77, s. 1 (G. L. 54, s. 103A)	Accepted	Mar. 7, 1938
Mar. 30	Winchester	Absent voting at regular city and town elections, 1937, 77, s. 1 (G. L. 54, s. 103A)	Accepted	Mar. 21, 1938
Mar. 31	Norwood	Retirement of call members of fire department, G. L. 32, s. 85A)	Accepted	Mar. 28, 1938
Apr. 4	Dennis	Absent voting at regular city and town elections, 1937, 77, s. 1 (G. L. 54, s. 103A)	Accepted	Mar. 8, 1938
Apr. 5	Rockport	Absent voting at regular city and town elections, 1937, 77, s. 1 (G. L. 54, s. 103A)	Accepted	Mar. 14, 1938
Apr. 29	Westwood	Sale of certain articles on the Lord's day, G. L. 136, ss. 7 & 8	Accepted	Mar. 29, 1938
May 13	Boston	Military service of employees, 1935, 205 (G. L. 33, s. 67)	Accepted	May 11, 1938
June 10	Wellesley	Public baths or wash houses, G. L. 40, s. 12	Accepted	Mar. 23, 1937
July 22	Medford	Public baths or wash houses, G. L. 40, s. 12	Accepted	July 21, 1938
July 22	Medford	Disposition of burnt or dangerous buildings, G. L. 139, ss. 1–3	Accepted	July 5, 1938
July 28	Cambridge	Metropolitan district commission to permit cities bordering on the Charles River Basin to use and sell water of the Charles River for certain purposes specifically including use for fire prevention and for cooling and condensing, G. L. 92, ss. 76A–76E	Accepted	July 27, 1938
July 29	Haverhill	Employment of veterans in labor service, G. L. 41, s. 112	Accepted	May 3, 1938
July 29	Quincy	Pensions to foremen, inspectors, etc., 1936, 290 (G. L. 32, s. 77, par. (*c*))	Accepted	June 21, 1938
July 29	Holbrook	Retirement of veterans of Spanish and World wars, G. L. 32, ss. 56–59	Accepted	Mar. 17, 1938
Oct. 3	Lincoln	Workmen's compensation for laborers, mechanics and workmen, 1936, 403 (G. L. 152, s. 69)	Accepted	Sept. 30, 1938
Oct. 5	Arlington	Absent voting at regular city and town elections, 1937, 77, s. 1 (G. L. 54, s. 103A)	Accepted	Oct. 3, 1938
Oct. 5	Arlington	Reserved spaces in highways, 1935, 309 (G. L. 82, s. 34)	Accepted	Oct. 3, 1938
Nov. 21	Oak Bluffs	Absent voting at regular city and town elections, 1937, 77, s. 1 (G. L. 54, s. 103A)	Accepted	Nov. 18, 1938

Returns relative to the Acceptance or Rejection of Certain Special Acts passed by the General Court and Referred to the Voters, to the City Council of a City, to the Selectmen of a Town, or the County Commissioners of a County

When Received	From Whom Received	Title of Act	Date of Action	Vote	
				Yes	No
1937					
Dec. 2	City Clerk, Boston	An Act providing for the acquisition by the city of Boston of certain property of the Dedham and Hyde Park Gas and Electric Light Company located within said city and the lease thereof to the Boston Consolidated Gas Company (1937, 292)	Dec. 1, 1937	–[1]	–
Dec. 9	City Clerk, Haverhill	An Act providing for the appointment of the city solicitor of the city of Haverhill by the mayor of said city without the approval of the municipal council thereof (1937, 215)	Dec. 7, 1937	1,923	12,765
Dec. 10	Town Clerk, Rehoboth	An Act authorizing the town of Rehoboth to receive and administer the property of the Baker and Horton Cemetery Association in said town (1937, 75)	Nov. 30, 1937	–[2]	–
Dec. 13	City Clerk, Revere	An Act authorizing the city of Revere to retire Albert J. Brown (1937, 309)	Dec. 8, 1937	–[1]	–
Dec. 17	Town Clerk, Plymouth	An Act authorizing the town of Plymouth to pension Lincoln S. Wixon (1937, 60)	Mar. 1, 1937	–[3]	–
Dec. 20	City Clerk, Chelsea	An Act increasing the salary of the mayor of the city of Chelsea (1937, 80)	Nov. 9, 1937	3,706	5,732
Dec. 20	City Clerk, Chelsea	An Act providing for the appointment of the city solicitor of the city of Chelsea by the mayor, subject to the approval of the board of aldermen of said city, and to the removal of such solicitor (1937, 81)	Nov. 9, 1937	4,307	3,962
Dec. 20	City Clerk, Lawrence	An Act relative to the purchase of supplies by the purchasing department of the city of Lawrence (1937, 216)	Dec. 14, 1937	4,601	20,000
Dec. 21	Clerk, Worcester County Commissioners	An Act providing for the inclusion of additional public employees within the provisions of the workmen's compensation law (1936, 403)	Dec. 17, 1937	–[4]	–
Dec. 23	City Clerk, Newton	An Act providing for biennial municipal elections in the city of Newton (1937, 150)	Dec. 14, 1937	8,311	1,705
Dec. 24	City Clerk, Lowell	An Act authorizing the city of Lowell to pay certain claims legally unenforceable by reason of failure to comply with certain provisions of law (1937, 396)	Dec. 22, 1937	–[1]	–
Dec. 31	Town Clerk, West Newbury	An Act making certain perfecting changes in the law relative to water liens (1936, 42)	Dec. 27, 1937	–[2]	–
1938					
Feb. 16	Town Clerk, Shrewsbury	An Act establishing a soldiers' memorial commission in the town of Shrewsbury (1938, 4)	Feb. 14, 1938	–[2]	–
Mar. 3	Clerk, Centerville-Osterville Fire District, Barnstable	An Act authorizing the Centerville-Osterville Fire District to supply itself and its inhabitants with water (1937, 169)	Jan. 21, 1938	–[2]	–
Mar. 3	Town Clerk, Tyngsborough	An Act to authorize the placing of the office of chief of police of the town of Tyngsborough under the civil service laws (1938, 11)	Feb. 7, 1938	–[2]	–
Mar. 7	Town Clerk, Chatham	An Act providing for the inclusion of additional public employees within the provisions of the workmen's compensation law (1936, 403)	Feb. 23, 1938	–[2]	–
Mar. 9	City Clerk, Somerville	An Act providing for the inclusion of additional public employees within the provisions of the workmen's compensation law (1936, 403)	Mar. 7, 1938	–[5]	–
Mar. 9	Town Clerk, Ipswich	An Act authorizing the town of Ipswich to pension Valorus H. Grant (1938, 51)	Mar. 7, 1938	280	70
Mar. 11	Town Clerk, Amherst	An Act establishing in the town of Amherst representative town government by limited town meetings (1936, 10)	Mar. 7, 1938	799	657
Mar. 12	Town Clerk, Danvers	An Act relative to the construction, maintenance and operation of a system of sewerage by the town of Danvers and changing the designation and enlarging the powers and duties of the water commissioners of said town (1937, 328)	Mar. 7, 1938	1,278	772

Mar. 14	Clerk, Berkshire County Commissioners	An Act authorizing the county commissioners of Berkshire county to expend money for the purpose of promoting the recreational advantages of said county (1938, 30)	Mar. 8, 1938	–[6]	–
Mar. 14	Town Clerk, Braintree	An Act establishing in the town of Braintree representative town government by limited town meetings (1937, 17)	Mar. 7, 1938	2,326	1,680
Mar. 15	Town Clerk, Lunenburg	An Act providing for the inclusion of additional public employees within the provisions of the workmen's compensation law (1936, 403)	Mar. 5, 1938	–[2]	–
Mar. 18	Town Clerk, Chelmsford	An Act to authorize the placing of the office of chief of police of the town of Chelmsford under the civil service laws (1938, 14)	Mar. 7, 1938	899	1,117
Mar. 21	Town Clerk, Natick	An Act authorizing the question of the fixing of the term of office of the selectmen of the town of Natick to be placed upon the official ballot to be used at its current annual town meeting (1938, 1)	Mar. 7, 1938	1,984	2,407
Mar. 21	Town Clerk, Natick	An Act to establish in the town of Natick representative town government by limited town meetings (1938, 2)	Mar. 7, 1938	1,883	2,367
Mar. 21	Town Clerk, Reading	An Act authorizing the town of Reading to establish regulations requiring owners to connect with the common sewer therein (1937, 280)	Mar. 14, 1938	136	95
Mar. 24	Clerk, Bristol County Commissioners	An Act authorizing the county commissioners of Bristol county to erect and equip an addition to a building at the Bristol county agricultural school (1938, 101)	Mar. 22, 1938	–[7]	–
Mar. 25	Town Clerk, Marshfield	An Act authorizing the towns of Marshfield and Duxbury to contribute toward the cost of railroad service therein (1937, 354)	Mar. 7, 1938	211	1
Mar. 26	Temporary Town Clerk, Milford	An Act providing that the chairman of the board of sewer commissioners of the town of Milford shall be a town meeting member at large in said town (1938, 6)	Mar. 16, 1938	–[2]	–
Mar. 30	Town Clerk, Marion	An Act providing an improved method of municipal planning (1936, 211)	Mar. 7, 1938	63	28
Mar. 30	Town Clerk, Marion	An Act regulating the display of red lights on motor vehicles and requiring certain motor vehicles to be equipped with red reflectors visible from the rear (1933, 51)	Mar. 7, 1938	103	0
Mar. 31	Secretary, Norfolk County Commissioners	An Act relative to providing additional accommodations for the district court of East Norfolk at Quincy and for the district court of Northern Norfolk at Dedham (1938, 130)	Mar. 29, 1938	–[8]	–
Mar. 31	City Clerk, Worcester	An Act authorizing the Worcester Polytechnic Institute to maintain a bridge over West street in the city of Worcester (1938, 53)	Mar. 29, 1938	–[1]	–
Mar. 31	Town Clerk, North Andover	An Act providing an improved method of municipal planning (1936, 211)	Mar. 19, 1938	–[9]	–
Apr. 4	Clerk, Barnstable County Commissioners	An Act providing for additional improvements at the Barnstable county sanatorium (1938, 138)	Apr 1, 1938	[10]	–
Apr. 4	Clerk, Barnstable County Commissioners	An Act authorizing the county of Barnstable to establish and maintain a radio broadcasting station (1938, 100)	Mar. 18, 1938	–[0]	–
Apr. 9	City Clerk, Somerville	An Act further regulating the procedure of the board of aldermen of the city of Somerville relative to ordinances, orders and resolutions (1938, 104)	Mar. 23, 1938	–[5]	–
Apr. 13	City Clerk, Boston	An Act providing for the reinstatement of Patrick J. O'Rourke in the police department of the city of Boston (1938, 141)	Apr. 12, 1938	–[1]	–
Apr. 14	Secretary, Middlesex County Commissioners	An Act authorizing the county of Middlesex to provide adequate accommodations for the second district court of eastern Middlesex (1938, 156)	Apr. 12, 1938	–[11]	–
Apr. 30	City Clerk, Chicopee	An Act authorizing the city of Chicopee to pay annuities to the widow and certain children of Henry Houlihan, a former foreman in the highway department of said city (1938, 86)	Apr. 21, 1938	–[5]	–
May 10	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the city of Boston to pay a sum of money to the mother of John Madden (1938, 256)	May 9, 1938	–[1]	–
May 13	City Clerk, Boston	An Act to authorize the reorganization of the board of assessors of the city of Boston (1938, 257)	May 11, 1938	–[1]	–
May 25	Assistant Clerk, Middlesex County Commissioners	An Act authorizing the county commissioners of Middlesex county to purchase and install electrical generators for the Middlesex County House of Correction at Billerica (1938, 276)	May 24, 1938	–[11]	–

RETURNS RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF CERTAIN SPECIAL ACTS PASSED BY THE GENERAL COURT AND REFERRED TO THE VOTERS, TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF A CITY, TO THE SELECTMEN OF A TOWN, OR THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF A COUNTY —*Continued*

When Received	From Whom Received	Title of Act	Date of Action	Vote	
				Yes	No
1938					
June 1	Clerk Bristol County Commissioners	An Act establishing the office of second assistant clerk in the second district court of Bristol (1938, 193)	May 31, 1938	–7	–
July 12	Deputy Assistant Clerk, Essex County Commissioners	An Act authorizing the county of Essex to acquire title to certain parts of Fox Hill bridge, so called, and to reconstruct said bridge and its approaches (1938, 468)	July 8, 1938	–12	–
July 14	City Clerk, Springfield	An Act relative to indemnification of certain public employees for damages sustained through operation of certain publicly owned vehicles (1934, 291)	July 11, 1938	–1	–
July 18	City Clerk, Fall River	An Act authorizing the city of Fall River to sell and convey a portion of certain park land held by it (1938, 368)	July 14, 1938	–1	–
Aug. 9	City Clerk, Medford	An Act authorizing the city of Medford to use certain park land for school purposes (1938, 488)	Aug. 8, 1938	–13	–
Sept. 12	Town Clerk, Webster	An Act further regulating liens for, and the collection of, water rates and charges (1938, 415)	Sept. 6, 1938	–2	–
Sept. 13	City Clerk, New Bedford	An Act providing for one day off in every six days for police officers of certain cities and towns (1938, 426)	Sept. 10, 1938	–13	–
Sept. 14	City Clerk, Boston	An Act providing for the construction of an underpass in Huntington Avenue at or near its intersection with Massachusetts Avenue in the city of Boston, and for the making of an alteration of the subway now being constructed in said Huntington Avenue (1938, 395)	June 21, 1938	–14	–
Sept. 16	Secretary, Norfolk County Commissioners	An Act establishing the office of third assistant clerk of the district court of East Norfolk (1938, 222)	July 1, 1938	–8	–
Sept. 16	City Clerk, Boston	An Act providing for modification of the terms and conditions under which the Boston Elevated Railway Company has been granted the use of certain subway premises and equipment and making certain changes relative to payments in connection with such use (1938, 398)	June 28, 1938	–14	–
Sept. 16	Clerk, Boston Elevated Railway Company, Boston	An Act providing for the removal of the present incline and approach to the Tremont Street subway located in Boylston Street between Arlington Street and Charles Street in the city of Boston upon the discontinuance of the use thereof by the Boston Elevated Railway Company and relative to the taking of certain land for municipal and other purposes in said city (1938, 340)	June 30, 1938	–15	–
Sept. 19	Clerk, Boston Elevated Railway Company, Boston	An Act providing for the construction of an underpass in Huntington Avenue at or near its intersection with Massachusetts Avenue in the city of Boston, and for the making of an alteration of the subway now being constructed in said Huntington Avenue (1938, 395)	June 30, 1938	–15	–
Sept. 19	Clerk, Boston Elevated Railway Company, Boston	An Act providing for modification of the terms and conditions under which the Boston Elevated Railway Company has been granted the use of certain subway premises and equipment and making certain changes relative to payments in connection with such use (1938, 398)	June 30, 1938	–15	–

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Sept. 19	City Clerk, Brockton	An Act authorizing the city of Brockton to pay an annuity to the widow of William C. Barteau (1938, 336)	June 28, 1938	–[14]	–
Sept. 19	Town Clerk, Hull	An Act providing for contributory retirement systems for cities and towns that may be accepted by them, and making certain other changes in the laws relative to retirement systems (1936, 318)	Feb. 9, 1938	–[3]	–
Sept. 30	Town Clerk, Brookline	An Act tending to prevent multiplicity of proposals for the same change in zoning ordinances or by-laws or in their application (1938, 133)	Sept. 27, 1938	–[2]	–
Sept. 30	City Clerk, Cambridge	An Act providing for one day off in every six days for police officers of certain cities and towns (1938, 426)	Sept. 29, 1938	–[14]	–
Oct. 5	Town Clerk, Arlington	An Act changing and establishing a portion of the boundary line between the towns of Arlington and Belmont and making changes in certain laws relative to the territory affected (1938, 371)	Oct. 3, 1938	[9]	–
Oct. 17	City Clerk, Peabody	An Act authorizing the city of Peabody to reinstate Fred H. Wyman in the street department of said city for the sole purpose of being retired (1938, 495)	Oct. 14, 1938	–[1]	–
Oct. 26	Assistant Clerk, Middlesex County Commissioners	An Act authorizing the county of Middlesex to contribute toward the reconstruction of certain portions of Ferry Street, Main Street and Broadway in the city of Everett (1938, 304)	Oct. 21, 1938	–[11]	–
Nov. 2	Town Clerk, Westwood	An Act providing for the inclusion of additional public employees within the provisions of the workmen's compensation law (1936, 403)	Oct. 27, 1938	–[9]	–

[1] Accepted by the city council.
[2] Accepted, affirmative and negative votes not returned.
[3] Accepted by the selectmen.
[4] Accepted by the county commissioners of Worcester County.
[5] Accepted by the board of aldermen.
[6] Accepted by the county commissioners of Berkshire County.
[7] Accepted by the county commissioners of Bristol County.
[8] Accepted by the county commissioners of Norfolk County.
[9] Adopted by unanimous vote.
[10] Accepted by the County Commissioners of Barnstable County.
[11] Accepted by the county commissioners of Middlesex County.
[12] Accepted by the county commissioners of Essex County.
[13] Accepted by the mayor and board of aldermen.
[14] Accepted by the mayor and city council.
[15] Accepted by the board of directors of the Boston Elevated Railway Company.
[16] Accepted by the board of trustees of the Boston Elevated Railway Company.

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